

Brandon Fire and Emergency Services



Foster Care Home Policy – “P7”

The following Policy is in accordance with the City of Brandon’s Fire Prevention By-Law #7200

Foster Care Home – A form of substitute care, usually in a home licensed by a public agency, for children whose welfare requires that they be removed from their own homes.

Zoning Department

- Zoning Department to be contacted to confirm Zoning Compliance.

The Planning, Property and Buildings Department

- Building Department to be contacted to confirm Property Standards compliance.

Smoke Alarms

- At least one permanently wired smoke alarm is required on each floor level, including basements, and between each sleeping room and the rest of the dwelling.
- A permanently wired smoke alarm shall be installed in each sleeping room. (battery operated smoke alarms are acceptable)
- Smoke alarms must be inspected and tested monthly and a written record of tests shall be retained for examination by the Brandon Fire and Emergency Services for a period of 3 years.

Bedroom Windows

- Except for being sprinklered, each room used for sleeping shall have at least one outside window. This window shall meet the requirements of the City of Brandon Property Standards By-Law.

Fire Extinguishers

- A minimum 5lb. ABC fire extinguisher shall be mounted to the wall in proximity to an egress door.
- Fire extinguisher(s) must be inspected annually by a qualified service company.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

- A carbon monoxide detector is required in each home with fuel fired appliances and in each home with an attached garage. Refer to manufacturer instructions for installation.

Clothes Dryers

- Rigid metal 100 mm (4 in.) in diameter ductwork is required for exhausting to the outdoors.
- Lint traps must be routinely cleaned.

Heating Systems

- All service equipment shall be enclosed in a room with a door.

Door Locks

- Locking, latching and other fastening devices on the principal entrance door as well as every exit door/window shall permit the door/window to be readily opened from the inside without requiring keys, special devices or specialized knowledge of the door opening mechanism.

Home Escape Plan / Procedure

- A Home Escape Plan shall be developed and posted and shall include:
 - A floor plan of the facility that includes the location of two exits from each room.
 - Identifies a safe meeting place outside of the home as well as arrangements made for a location of a secondary evacuation site.
 - An example can be found on the BFES website.

Fire Drills

- Fire drills shall be conducted on a monthly basis and a written record of tests shall be retained for examination by the Brandon Fire and Emergency Services for a period of 3 years.