



**CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE**

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Family Foster Homes

Texas Health and Human Services (THHS) provides a [Family Foster Home Fire Safety Evaluation Checklist \(Form 3004, June 2018-E\)](#) which is available on their website. In addition, the website provides for detailed explanations for each item on the checklist.

Some additional explanation for certain items are below, along with additional Friendswood-specific items.

Referenced THHS Family Foster Home Fire Safety Evaluation Checklist #			
#5: Each level must have at least one working smoke detector installed (TAC 749.2909).			
#8: In Friendswood, this includes a prohibition on double-cylinder dead bolts and security bars and grills. (IFC 1010.1.9)			
#12: In Friendswood, portable unvented fuel-fired heaters are prohibited. (IFC 603.4)			
#19: Minimum requirements for home fire extinguishers are: 5-pound capacity, UL rating 2A:10B:C. Fire extinguishers should be maintained/recharged by a certified technician. (NFPA 10, 7.1.2.1)			
#20: Documentation should include a written plan/map and the date of the drill, time of the drill, type of drill, and length of time for the evacuation or relocation to take place. (MS/CPA 749.2907 & 749.2908)			
Friendswood-specific Items	Yes	No	N/A
F1. Is the House Address posted, legible, and visible from the street (IFC 505.1)?			
F2. If the house has a natural gas supply, was a permitted and approved Gas Piping Pressure Test conducted within 24 months by qualified technician? (IBC 105 & TAC 748.3061) For permit questions, please contact Community Development at 281-996-3201.			
F3. If the house has wood burning or natural gas appliances, is a working carbon monoxide detector installed in the hallway near the sleeping areas and on every level of the house? (NFPA 101, 24.3.4.2)			

MS/CPA – Minimum Standards for Child Placing Agencies – October 2018

IBC – International Building Code 2018

TAC – Texas Administrative Code

IFC – International Fire Code 2018

NFPA – National Fire Protection Association

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