

Certified Family Child Care

Fire Safety Rule Changes | Effective May 2022



OAR 414-350-0050: General Requirements

0050 (1) (e) The Early Learning Division Website [www.oregonearlylearning.com] and phone number [1-800-556-6616], and a statement advising parents that they can access information about their child care provider on the child care safety portal.

(f) Providers must post all serious valid complaint and serious non-compliance letters for 12 calendar months.

(2) The provider shall display the following near the entrance, or in some other area of the home where they may be clearly viewed by all individuals responsible for evacuation procedures:

(a) A floor plan identifying the locations of the following:

(A) Exits;

(B) Primary evacuation routes;

(C) Secondary evacuation routes; and

(D) Fire extinguishers.

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(3) Obstructions, including furniture, storage of supplies, or any other items shall not be placed in a manner that blocks usable exits.

(a) The provider must complete a daily inspection to ensure that evacuation routes are clear and usable exits, including doors and escape windows, are operable.

(4) There shall be at least one 2-A-10 BC rated fire extinguisher on each floor of the home, Fire extinguishers shall be easily accessible, kept out of the reach of children, and located along the path of emergency exiting unless the floor is not under the direct control of the provider.

(a) Fire extinguishers on floors where child care occurs must be designated on the floor plan required in OAR 414-350-0050 and either mounted or stored along the primary evacuation route. Fire extinguishers must be easily accessible, visible, and out of reach of children.

(b) If fire extinguishers are stored in a cabinet or closet, they must be mounted and there must be a sign indicating that the fire extinguisher is located inside.

(A) Obstructions, including furniture, storage of supplies, or any other items shall not be placed in a manner that blocks access to the cabinet or closet.

(5) ~~Smoke alarm~~ The provider must inspect the fire extinguishers monthly and the inspection must be documented.

(6) Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors shall be:

(a) Installed on each floor level of the home and in any area where children nap;

(b) Maintained in operating order; and

(c) Tested monthly to ensure they are in working order. The provider must document each test.

(7) Candles or other open flame decorative devices are prohibited, except for the brief use of celebratory candles.

(14) The use of unvented, fuel-fired space heaters is prohibited.

(15) Flammable and combustible liquids, such as paint thinner and gasoline materials:

(a) Shall be stored in the original container or a safety container;

(b) Must not be stored within 4 feet of furnaces, other flame or heat-producing equipment, or fuel-fired water heaters, and

(c) If over one gallon, kept in an unattached storage building.

(16) All caregivers and children shall practice Fire drills shall be practiced monthly at varying times of day, including in the evening and during overnight hours for programs that care for children during those hours.

(a) Fire drills must include a drill using an alternate evacuation route at least once aspect of the emergency plan, as described in OAR 414-350-0050(7)(c), once per month.

(a) Evacuating the home shall be practiced at least eight times per year. If the facility is certified to care for more than 12 children and more than 4 children regularly in care are under 24 months of age, evacuating the home shall be practiced monthly per year.

(b) An evacuation drill must be conducted when requested by OCC during an announced visit.

(c) The provider must have an alert method (for example, a smoke alarm, loud bell or whistle) to warn the occupants of the home of an emergency or drill.

(d) The provider must demonstrate efforts to complete full evacuation of staff and child care children within three minutes. Efforts to improve evacuation time may include but are not limited to:

(A) Using evacuation cribs, strollers/buggies, or wagons;

(B) Providing staff with additional training;

(C) Giving children specific tasks to complete during the drill, such as holding onto a safety walking rope;

(D) Providing children with simple and calm instructions about what is happening during the drill;

(E) Reviewing and editing emergency plans and evacuation routes;

(F) Conducting additional evacuation drills; and

(G) Incorporating fire safety planning into curriculum.

(17) The provider shall maintain a written record of each fire drill showing:

(a) The date and time;

(b) The exits used;

(c) The number and age range of children evacuated;

(d) The total number of people in the home at the time of the drill;

(e) The amount of time taken to evacuate the home;

(f) The name of the person conducting the drill; and

(g) The alert method used.

(18) One other aspect of the emergency plan shall be practiced every other month and must follow the recording requirements listed in OAR 414-350-0170(17)(a-g).

(19) The written plan for evacuating and removing children to a safe location in an emergency must be posted in the home and must be familiar to the children and the caregivers. The plan must include:

(a) Procedures for notifying parents or other adults responsible for the children, of the relocation and how children will be reunited with their families;

OAR 414-350-0375: Night Care

(3) Activities:

(a) There shall be quiet activities, such as story-time, games, arts and crafts, and reading, for each child arriving before bedtime. These activities shall be appropriate to the child's age, interests and abilities.

(b) The use of television, videos, and computer or electronic games shall comply with OAR 414-350-0220(5).

- (c) The provider shall have a written plan for night care which includes:
 - (A) Regular routines;
 - (B) Supervision of children;
 - (C) Evacuation procedures for awake and sleeping children, **including how the evacuation route will be illuminated;**
 - (D) Sleeping arrangements; and
 - (E) Arrival and departure procedures.
- (d) If 24-hour care is provided, the provider shall have a written plan for self-care, i.e., how her/his own needs will be met.

(4) Personal Hygiene:

- (a) When bathing is provided, there shall be:
 - (A) Individual washcloths and towels for each child;
 - (B) Individual bathing opportunities for each child, unless a parent(s) has given permission for siblings to bath together;
 - (C) Safety glass in glass shower doors or glass tub enclosures;
 - (D) Appropriate cleaning and sanitizing procedures implemented after each child has used the shower or tub; and
 - (E) Appropriate equipment in bathtubs and showers to prevent slipping.
- (b) Children spending the night shall have the opportunity to brush their teeth with an individual toothbrush and toothpaste labeled with his/her name.
- (c) When bathing, showering or brushing teeth, children shall be supervised by a caregiver. For school age children, privacy shall be maintained.

(5) During night care, evacuation routes must be illuminated.

Oregon Administrative Rules, Oregon Department of Education, Early Learning Division, Chapter 414, Divisions 350 [Certified Family Child Care](#) Homes.

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