

City of Hood River Short-Term Rental Fire & Life Safety Checklist

1. Smoke Alarms

- a) Home has smoke alarms on every level
- b) Home has a smoke alarm in every bedroom
- c) Smoke alarms are located outside each separate sleeping area
- d) Smoke alarms are located at least 10 feet from a stationary or fixed cooking appliance
- e) For larger homes (where the interior floor area on a given level is greater than 1,000 square feet), there is an average of at least 1 smoke alarm for every 500 feet
- f) All smoke alarms are working

2. Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- a) Home has a carbon monoxide alarm outside each separate sleeping area
- b) Home has a carbon monoxide alarm on every level
- c) Carbon monoxide alarms are working

3. General Safety

- a) House number is visible from the street
- b) Doors & Windows used for escape open easily - not blocked by furniture, security bars, or nailed/painted shut
- c) Hot Water Heater is set no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit

4. Flammable Appliances

- a) Things that can burn are at least 3 feet from the furnace
- b) Furnace is inspected and cleaned annually
- c) Chimney is inspected annually and cleaned as needed
- d) Clothes dryer lint filter and vent pipe are clean

5. Throughout the Home

- a) If smoking is allowed on property, there are approved containers to receive burning cigarette butts
- b) Minimum light and ventilation

6. Kitchen

- a) Things that can burn are removed from the immediate area of the stovetop
- b) Tip over device on stove

7. Living/Family Room

- a) If there is a fireplace, it has proper screen and hearth
- b) Things that can burn are at least 3 feet from space heaters and fireplaces

8. Bedrooms

- a) All bedrooms have two ways out – typically this is an egress door or window directly from bedroom to outside and the general exit path back out through front door. Ask Building Department for more information if needed.
- b) Have a ceiling height of not less than seven feet*

9. Garage

- a) There is a solid door between garage and residence
- b) Flammables are stored properly

10. Outside the Home

- a) Outside electrical receptacles are GFCI and they are in good working condition
- b) There is no rubbish, trash, brush or tree trimmings accumulation on the property, on the roof, or in the gutters
- c) Barbecue grill is only used outdoors
- d) Swimming pool filter, heater or hot tub is properly grounded
- e) Exit path is clear and unobstructed to public way

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11. Electrical

- a) Kitchen and bathrooms have GFCI outlets on countertop surfaces within 6 feet of running water outlets and they are working properly
- b) All receptacle and switch faceplates are installed and in good condition
- c) Receptacles have been tested and are in good working condition - no evidence of arcing or overheating
- d) Switches are in good condition - no evidence of arcing or overheating
- e) Lighting fixture canopies are fastened in place and fixture is in good condition
- f) Bulbs in light fixtures are the correct wattage for the lighting fixture
- g) Flexible cords and cables (extension cords) are not used as fixed wiring, run through holes in walls, ceiling or floor, run through doorways or windows, or under carpets, or attached to building surfaces
- h) Panel board and distribution equipment is accessible for inspection and in good condition - no evidence of overheating, corrosion, or other damage

12. Stair Safety

- a) Stairs are provided with handrail(s)
- b) Stair tread depth and riser height are uniform
- c) Guardrails are in place

13. Post Good Neighbor Guidelines

Recommended Items

1. Smoke alarms are interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound
2. Home has a home fire sprinkler system
3. No lit candles are permitted in home
4. Small appliances are unplugged when not in use
5. The use of portable space heaters is not allowed
6. All second floor bedrooms have an emergency escape ladder stored in a conspicuous place
7. Gas powered equipment is stored in an outside shed or garage, separate from the home
8. Gasoline is stored in an approved safety container in an outside shed or garage, separate from the home
9. Swimming pool or hot tub is enclosed by a four-sided fence and locked gate
10. Stairs can be illuminated for night time use