

**WAC 110-145-2600 Fire safety.** (1) Licensees licensed as SRHs for five or fewer children and youth must meet fire safety regulations in WAC 110-148-1465.

(2) Licensees, except SRHs for five or fewer children and youth, must:

(a) Comply with the local building and fire codes and the state fire marshal regulations. If requirements differ between these entities, they must comply with the most stringent requirement;

(b) Have their address clearly visible on the facility or mailbox so that emergency personnel can easily locate the facility;

(c) Allow for emergency vehicles to have easy access to the facility;

(d) Be familiar with safety procedures related to fire prevention, including fire drill procedures;

(e) Have easy access to all rooms in the facility in case of emergencies;

(f) Not leave open-flame devices unattended or use them for a purpose other than for what they were designed for; and

(g) Be able to:

(i) Operate all fire extinguishers installed on the premises;

(ii) Test smoke detectors, including single station types;

(iii) Conduct monthly inspections at the facility to identify fire hazards;

(iv) Take action to correct any hazards noted during the inspection; and

(v) Verify:

(A) Children and youth in care are able to escape from every floor in the facility. This may include having one or more functional fire ladders available from upper stories; and

(B) Windows open to the outside that are large enough for emergency personnel to enter and exit wearing rescue gear, unless the building or structure:

(I) Has a fire sprinkler protection system; and

(II) Was previously approved by the local fire marshal or building official with jurisdiction.

(3) Facilities licensed for children age birth through five years old and others who may be endangered based on their developmental capabilities must have barriers for:

(a) Fireplaces;

(b) Wood stoves; and

(c) Other heating systems.

(4) The department may require licensees to have an inspection by the state fire marshal or the local fire authority if:

(a) The department has questions about fire safety; or

(b) Local ordinances or the state fire marshal require these inspections.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.15.030. WSR 26-08-021, s 110-145-2600, filed 3/23/26, effective 5/1/26.]