

Sec. 17a-150-95. Physical requirements of foster and prospective adoptive homes

- (a) Dwelling and furnishings shall be clean and comfortable and in good repair.
- (b) State and local fire codes shall be observed by all foster families and prospective adoptive families. A determination of reasonable fire safety shall be established by the department or child placing agency for all foster families or prospective adoptive families. In the event of a disagreement between the department or child placing agency and a foster family or prospective adoptive family regarding fire safety issues, the final determination shall be vested in the local fire marshal.
- (c) The home and grounds shall be reasonably free from anything that constitutes a hazard to children including but not limited to:
 - (1) Any peeling paint inside or outside of the house which is accessible to the children shall be determined to be non-toxic in compliance with requirements of the department of public health;
 - (2) equipment used by the children shall not be painted or covered by any material which is poisonous;
 - (3) all swimming pools shall comply with state and local regulations; and
 - (4) medicines and toxic and flammable materials shall be kept out of the reach of children.
- (d) There shall be sufficient indoor and outdoor space, ventilation, toilet facilities, light and heat to ensure the health and comfort of all members of the household.
- (e) All heating systems shall comply with the state and local building and fire codes.
- (f) Adequate sewage and garbage facilities shall be maintained.
- (g) All power driven machines or other hazardous equipment shall be properly safeguarded and their use by any foster or adoptive child properly supervised by an adult.
- (h) Emergency evacuation plans shall be established.
- (i) If a furnace is on the same floor as a living space it shall be enclosed.
- (j) All foster and prospective adoptive homes shall have smoke detectors in operating condition so as to protect sleep areas, play areas and the basement.

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