

**SUBARTICLE 2**  
**FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY FOR SPECIAL OCCUPANCIES**

**71-8301. FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY FOR SPECIAL OCCUPANCIES.**

(Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section [23-9-60](#))

**71-8301.1. General.**

- A. The purpose of this Subarticle is to provide specific requirements for certain occupancies.
- B. This regulation shall apply to:
  - 1. New and existing foster homes.
  - 2. New and existing schools inspected by the *OSFM*.
- C. The [Department of Social Services](#) shall provide a list of registered in-home childcare facilities to the *OSFM* annually.

**71-8301.2. Codes and Standards.**

- A. All references to codes and standards found in these regulations refer to the editions adopted in R.71-8300.2 and are modified by the following regulations as shown below.
- B. The building code shall define occupancy classifications referenced in these regulations.

**71-8301.3. Requirements for Special Occupancies.**

**A. All Foster Home Facilities**

- 1. Foster homes providing care, maintenance, and supervision for no more than six (6) children, including the natural or adopted children of the foster parent; shall comply with the following:
  - a. Must be a facility designed and constructed with the intent to be used as a dwelling per applicable statutes and regulations.
  - b. At least one (1) *portable fire extinguisher* with a minimum classification of 2A:10BC shall be installed near cooking areas. The fire extinguishers shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
  - c. Each facility housing foster children shall maintain means of egress as required by original construction.
  - d. All heating devices must be selected, used, and installed per the manufacturer's recommendations and the listing conditions set by an approved testing laboratory.
  - e. Unvented gas heaters shall have an operating oxygen depletion device, an operating safety shutoff device, and shall be located or guarded to prevent burn injuries.
  - f. Fireplaces shall be equipped with fire screens, partitions, or other means to protect clients from burns.
  - g. A fire escape plan describing what actions are to be taken by the family in the event of a fire must be developed and posted.
  - h. A fire escape drill shall be conducted every three (3) months.
  - i. Records of the drills shall be maintained on the premises for three (3) years. The records shall give the date, time, and weather conditions during the drill, number evacuated, description, and evaluation of the fire drill. Fire drills shall include complete evacuation of all *persons* from the building.
  - j. A fire escape drill shall be conducted within twenty-four (24) hours of the arrival of each new foster child.
  - k. Portable unvented fuel-fired heating equipment shall be prohibited in all foster homes.

