

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
COLUMBUS DIVISION OF FIRE**

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**REQUIREMENTS TO PASS TYPE B HOME INSPECTION**

1. A 1A-10BC **ABC** fire extinguisher must be in the kitchen area. A person must be able to access the fire extinguisher without passing the stove when entering the kitchen. The fire extinguisher should be visible from anywhere in the kitchen.
2. Smoke detectors must be present on each level in the structure. (Columbus City Code 4529.09 Location)

They should be mounted on the ceilings at least 4 inches away from any wall.

If they must be mounted on a wall they should be between 4 to 12 inches away from the ceiling.

If a detector is mounted on a peaked or sloped ceiling it shall be at least 4 inches from the peak but not more than 3 feet away.

The smoke detector in the basement should be on the ceiling as close as possible to the basement stairs.

Smoke detectors should not be mounted in a corner, but should be out in the open to avoid dead air space.

The first floor smoke detector should **not** be mounted in the kitchen.

The second floor smoke detector should be in the hallway between the bedrooms.
3. Nothing should be stored within 3 feet of the furnace or hot water tank.
4. An evacuation plan must be posted on each level of the home with a diagram of each floor in the structure showing the escape routes to the exits. It should include the address of a neighboring home on the same side of the street, in front of which would be the safe meeting place. Foster homes are also required to post a Fire Drill Schedule.
5. Anyone providing care for children ages 6 and under must cover **all** unused electrical outlets (including surge protectors) with plastic covers
6. Remove all poisons and corrosives from lower cabinets and under sinks or secure them with child proof locks.
7. All structures should be ready for immediate occupancy and should include furniture.
8. **All** pets must be secured before fire inspectors will enter the premises.
9. **Basement** and sleeping rooms below the fourth story above grade plane shall have at least one exterior emergency escape. (OFC. 1029.1)