

HOW WILL THIS FORM BENEFIT ME?

This document is for the sole use of the business owner/manager/occupant and/or their representative to enhance fire and life safety regarding their property being used as a short-term rental (STR). This pre-inspection check list contains the same 24 items that will be looked at during the Safety inspection. You may use this checklist when performing your own “pre-inspection” prior to Fire District personnel arriving for their annual STR inspection. Going through each item pre-inspection can help save time and reduce interruptions to owners and occupants.

Explanations of many of the inspection items are included. Some items below may not apply to all occupancies. Please take the time to look at each item to ensure compliance prior to your inspection. If you have questions, please schedule a time to talk or call (208) 634-4306 and leave a message for Captain Ryan Garber.

PROPERTY ACCESS

These checklist items are included so Fire and EMS can get to you quickly in the event of an emergency.

- The STR must be numbered in accordance with the city of McCall’s Road Naming and Site Addressing Standards.**
 - The address should be clearly visible and in large numbers, allowing it to be seen from the street. The address numbers should be at least 4” in height and contrast with the color of the building. The address numbers should be viewable from the road regardless of snow accumulation?
- Clear Access for emergency vehicles to park within fifty feet (50’) of the main entrance to the short-term rental unit shall be provided.**
- Access to the main entrance must be free of any obstructions and any steps, stairs,**

landings, handrails, or guardrails must be in satisfactory condition.

- All egress passages (windows, doors, walkways) must be free from obstructions, including snow, year around.

PROPERTY EGRESS

These checklist items are included so you or your guests can exit the building quickly and easily should there be a fire or other emergency.

- All exit doors must be openable from the inside by a single motion, no key or special knowledge required. All egress pathways must have emergency illumination capable of illuminating the path in the event of a power outage from bedrooms to main exit(s).
 - Plug-in or E-bulbs with battery back-up which turn on when power goes out are acceptable.
 - An Example - Energizer LED Rechargeable Plug-in Flashlights, Emergency Lights for Home Power Failure, available at Amazon.



- Plug in lights are available at May Hardware in McCall
 - [Outlet cover light.](#)
- All sleeping areas must contain an emergency escape and rescue opening installed in accordance with the most recently adopted version of the International Residential

Code.

- All the sleeping rooms must have windows that are at least 24" high, 20" wide, and have a sill height of no higher than 44" above the floor?
- See appendix McCall Egress Window Requirements for further information
- Sleeping rooms located more than 16 feet above the finished exterior grade must be equipped with an emergency egress ladder. Ladders must be able to be affixed with hooks to a windowsill / retractable and stowed near the inside of the window. A sign on the wall shall indicate where the "emergency ladder" is located.**
 - Below is an example of an emergency egress ladder from Home Depot.



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Ladder, 3-Story, 25...

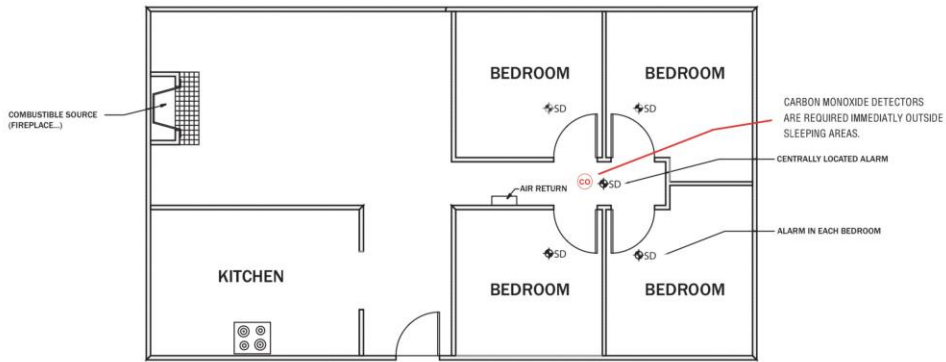
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- Ladders are required only if the window/exit height is greater than 16 feet, however a good question to ask yourself is, "If I or a loved one were trapped in this room would I want to have to jump?"
 - Emergency escape ladders that should reach within 12" of the terrain/ landing.
 - The emergency escape ladder can be stored in a closet or under a bed. A sign that is easily visible should describe the location. It should be easily accessible in the event of an emergency.
 - ****Buildings equipped with fire sprinkler systems are exempt from having emergency egress ladders.***
- Every room intended for sleeping purposes must be equipped with interconnected smoke alarms installed in accordance with IRC section 314. Carbon monoxide (CO) detectors and smoke detectors shall be "interconnected" (if one detector gets activated/triggered, all smoke and CO detectors must go off). Alarms must be installed in accordance with IRC 315 (in each sleeping room, in hallways near sleeping**

rooms, and at the top of all stairwells). Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed per current code regardless of the age of the structure. Such devices are permitted to be installed in accordance with the exceptions to hardwiring. Interconnection can be achieved by installing wireless or Bluetooth detectors that do not require re-wiring (plug and play).

- Smoke detectors are required in all bedrooms. Photoelectric smoke detectors are recommended over the ionization type detectors.
- If your house is hard-wired for detectors, it's recommended that replacement detectors are also the hardwired variety.
- If you have a fuel-fired appliance (such as a wood stove or a gas range) and/or an attached garage, then you must a CO detector. CO detectors must be installed outside of each sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms. They must be installed inside any bedroom that has a fuel-fired appliance (ex – propane fireplace) or its attached bathroom.
- It doesn't hurt to have all your detectors be combination Smoke and CO alarms. But CO alarms are not required in the bedrooms if there isn't a fuel burning appliance in the bedroom.
- Smoke alarms need to be interconnected, whereas if one goes off the others do too. If more than one CO detector is required such as in homes with bedrooms on multiple levels, then the CO detectors must be interconnected as well.
- Battery operated, interconnected combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms can be found at a variety of locations. Below are a couple of examples.
- Example - First Alert SCO500B Wireless Interconnected Photoelectric Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Combo Alarm with Voice and Location – available on Amazon
- Example - Nest Protect Smoke and CO alarm (lights up when you walk underneath it). Depending on where the detector is placed its light may meet the requirements of #6. These detectors, when connected to wifi can also alert homeowners from a phone app when a detector is activated.



HAZARD DETECTION AND PREVENTION

These checklist items are included to prevent hazards or minimize their impact in the event they should occur.

- At least (1) 5lb ABC portable fire extinguisher must be mounted on each floor, in a conspicuous, unobstructed, unobscured location, which shall be hung between four and five feet above the floor and no further than 75 feet to any point on the floor. Extinguishers older than one year old must be serviced and service tagged annually by an approved company.**

- Look for a UL Rated **2-A, 10-BC**



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- Costco carries them in 2 packs. Link [HERE](#).
- All fire extinguishers need to be serviced annually. NAPA has a drop off/pickup service for fire extinguisher servicing.

- Mid-State Fire Protection (208) 315-5726
 - Valley Fire Protection (208) 634-2636
 - If you're unsure of where to mount your extinguisher, please contact Captain Ryan Garber (208)-634-4306
- Combustible materials must not be stored near fuel fired heating equipment, or in special rooms containing fuel fire equipment.**
- Your wood has setback requirements. There is usually a plaque on the back of the stove. No combustible materials should be placed within the setback area.
- Proof of cleaning of woodstove and fireplace chimneys within the previous 365 days prior to the fire, health, and safety inspection must be documented.**
- Owner attestation in writing is sufficient. There will be a signature line on the inspection form for those who've cleaned the chimney themselves.
 - Heartland Chimney Sweeps - (208) 634-3636
 - McCall Carpet and Air Duct Cleaning - (208) 315-7603
 - McCall Stove and Fireplace - (208) 634-2075
- A metal ash bucket and lid must be provided near any woodstove or fireplace with explicit instructions that no ash shall be dumped in trashcans or dumpsters.**
- You as the homeowner or manager may dump ashes in the trashcan or dumpsters once you have confirmed they are cool. 4 days or 96 hours is the minimum recommended time for ashes to cool in a metal bucket. After 4 –7 days recheck the ashes to make sure they are cool. Then dispose of them in the trash.
 - Your instructions to guests may include verbiage such as:
 - Place completely cooled ashes in the ash bucket.
 - Keep Ash Bucket away from anything flammable. (let them know where the Ash Bucket should be kept, whether on the hearth or outside on a concrete patio with a minimum 10 ft from home or any building)
 - Never put ashes in a plastic garbage can, a cardboard box, or

grocery bag. Only use the metal ash can provided.

- Management will properly dispose of ashes in the Ash Bucket.

Specific instructions must be posted near any wood burning appliance explaining the proper use of the appliance.

Any exterior recreational fire pit or containment structure must be permanently constructed, or a listed commercial product designed for burning wood or propane, no more than three feet in diameter, clear of any combustible material, and a water supply must be made available for proper extinguishment.

Instructions you may want to provide to guests

- Only burn dry wood and natural materials.
- The fire must be kept under control at all times
- The fire must be under supervision at all times until it's completely extinguished.
- A hose connected to a pressurized water supply or extinguisher must be present and readily available until the fire has been extinguished.
- You may be required to extinguish the fire if the smoke becomes unreasonably offensive or hazardous to others.

Roofing on the structure must be Class B or higher fire-retardant roofing.

Should be composite shingles or metal.

In accordance with City of McCall Code 2-1-080 (E): No wood shake roofing

All electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems must be installed and maintained properly and free from any hazards.

Proof of service to LPG furnace systems by a professional within 365 days prior to the fire, health and safety inspection must be documented. Proof of service to electric furnace systems by a professional within the previous three years prior to the fire, health and safety inspection must be documented.

If the owner can supply manufacturer recommendations for a different service schedule, then the service schedule for that appliance will be followed.

- A-1 Heating, Air Conditioning, and Electric in McCall provides inspections for heating equipment. (208) 634-1586.
- The service provider should put a sticker on the appliance indicating service / inspection date or provide a receipt for work done.
- An approved heat source must be installed that can heat the home to a temperature of 68 degrees at a point 3 feet above the floor. No portable heaters shall be permitted.**
- Propane tanks must be kept clear of snow in the winter months for emergencies.**
 - The tank valve needs to be accessible to emergency personnel so they can quickly shut off the supply in the event of a fire or propane leak.
 - Tanks should be marked permanently with a snow stake that's high enough to be seen even at maximum snow depth. See appendix.
- Propane tank and second stage regulator protection must meet current city standards. A combustible gas detector must be present in any residence where propane is used as a fuel source.**
 - LPG (liquid propane gas) is slightly heavier than air meaning the gas settles. Propane gas detectors should be placed near the floor (4-6 inches or at outlet height) in any room with a propane appliance.
 - LPG gas detector example Gas Knight – Natural gas and propane alarm. Available on Amazon.
- No temporary wiring shall be permitted.**
 - Electrical outlets should be free from overuse by appliances, extension cords, etc.
 - Cover plates must be present on all outlets and boxes.
- For all occupancies that have an automatic fire sprinkler system, or a monitored fire alarm system, proof of annual inspection within the previous 365 days must be provided.**
 - This only applies to properties with automatic fire sprinkler systems.
- A notice of the following information must be posted in a conspicuous location within the short-term rental unit: (1) the use restrictions (maximum occupancy, number and location of parking spaces, restrictions on parking, solid waste collection, quiet hours and noise restrictions, outdoor activity), (2) emergency exiting plan, (3) instructions**

for the proper disposal of fireplace or woodstove ash including the prohibition on dumping fireplace ash in trashcans or dumpsters; and the (4) name and phone number of local representative and/or property owner that can be reached on a 24 hour basis in case of emergency and McCall city emergency response phone number (911).