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Greetings Foster Parents !!

On behalf of the Washoe County Human Services Agency, we would like to thank you for your ongoing service and commitment to the children of Washoe County!

We wanted to share new information with you. Recently notice from the Department of Public Safety about new International Building code was received. There is a **NEW** requirement regarding smoke detectors.

Per NAC 424.400 Every foster home must have smoke detectors which conform to the International Building Code, in the form most recently published by the International Code Council, which is hereby adopted by reference and is available free of charge at the Internet address <http://codes.iccsafe.org>. The smoke detectors must be located in every room where foster children sleep and mounted on a ceiling or wall at a point centrally located in a corridor or area giving access to rooms used for sleeping. Where sleeping rooms are located on an upper level of a building, a smoke detector must be placed at the center of the ceiling directly above the stairway. The smoke detectors may be battery operated or may receive their primary power from the building wiring.

****NOTE: ALL SMOKE ALARMS are required to be interconnected and in new construction shall receive their power from building wiring.**

Interconnected Systems: Your smoke alarms are interconnected, meaning they communicate with each other, forming an integrated system of protection for your home. Alarms can be interconnected via wires (hardwired) or wirelessly via RF radio signals.

You can also find information on our website at www.fire.nv.gov and under "Keeping Nevada Safe" click on "Certificates of Compliance" and scroll to the appropriate section.

NAC 424.180 states that the codes for fire and life safety as adopted by the State Fire Marshal or local fire authority change, the foster home will be allowed 90 days to comply with the new requirement. Your licensing workers will inspect for new smoke detectors during your renewal inspections. If your inspection is scheduled prior to the 90 day time frame you will be allotted the required time to comply.



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