

661—5.615(237C) Facilities in which foster care is provided to fewer than six children by agencies. Any facility, including a single-family residence, within which foster care is provided by an agency to fewer than six children shall meet each of the requirements established in this rule.

5.615(1) Battery-operated smoke detectors shall be installed in each sleeping room and on each floor of the home and shall be installed in compliance with the manufacturer's instructions.

5.615(2) Each exit and exit path shall remain clear and unobstructed at all times.

5.615(3) A five-pound 2A:10B:C fire extinguisher shall be installed in the primary caregiver's sleeping room. Additional extinguishers may be provided. Each extinguisher in the facility shall be inspected yearly by a third party in accordance with NFPA 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers, 2006 edition.

5.615(4) No combustible items shall be stored within a three-foot clearance of furnaces, hot water heaters, and electrical panels.

5.615(5) A carbon monoxide detector shall be installed on each floor of the residence. A detector shall be installed in proximity to any gas-fired appliance. All detectors shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

5.615(6) If propane is used in the facility, a propane leak detector shall be installed in proximity to each propane-fired appliance. All detectors shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

5.615(7) An evacuation plan shall be maintained, and fire drills shall be conducted at least once every other month.

5.615(8) If a child is sleeping in a basement room, then an egress window shall be provided in the room. An "egress window" means an existing operable window with a clear opening area of not less than 5.7 square feet, and with a minimum opening height and width of 24 inches and 20 inches, respectively.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 237.3, subsection 3.