



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



37.99.136 PRIVATE ALTERNATIVE ADOLESCENT RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS: FIRE SAFETY

- (1) The department adopts and incorporates by reference the current edition of the locally adopted Fire Code (FC), which sets forth the fire safety regulations that apply to all programs.
- (2) The local or state fire authority having jurisdiction must annually certify a program for fire and life safety.
- (3) Smoke detectors and smoke alarms must be installed and operated in accordance with the FC set forth in the locally adopted FC.
- (4) Carbon monoxide detectors must be installed and operated in accordance with the FC.
- (5) A workable portable fire extinguisher, with a minimum rating of 2A10BC, must be located on each floor of the facility. Fire extinguishers must be:
 - (a) mounted on the wall not to exceed five feet from handle to floor and no closer than four inches from the floor;
 - (b) no more than 75 feet travel distance apart;
 - (c) inspected, recharged, and tagged at least once a year by a person certified by the state to perform such services; and
 - (d) not obstructed or obscured from view.
- (6) Program staff must check battery operated smoke detectors at least once each month and the batteries must be replaced at least once each year. Documentation, including the date and the signature of the person checking or replacing the batteries, must be maintained at the facility.
- (7) Integrated dial-out-smoke detection systems that are monitored from an outside source must have the date showing the most recent maintenance. Maintenance must occur once per year.
- (8) Orientation for staff and program participants must include instruction of the program's fire evacuation procedure. The fire evacuation procedure must be posted in a conspicuous place in the program.
- (9) All exits must be clear and unobstructed at all times.
- (10) Paint, flammable liquids, and other combustible material must be kept in locked storage away from heat sources or in outbuildings not used by the program participants.
- (11) The program must conduct at least one fire drill per quarter per each work shift. Drill observations must be documented and maintained in the program files for at least three years. The documentation must include:

- (a) time and location of the drill;
- (b) identification of participating staff;
- (c) problems identified during the drill; and
- (d) steps taken to correct such problems.

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