



## **Child Care Licensing Provider Memo – October, 2022**

October is Fire Prevention Month! We have compiled a list of ideas to promote fire safety within your programs. Besides the required monthly emergency evacuation drill, what ways can you help to ensure children and families are prepared for fire emergencies?

- Talk about smoke detectors and fire alarms
- Talk with children about when to dial 911
- Provide resources to families to create their own fire escape routes at home
- Practice Stop, Drop and Roll & Crawl Low in Smoke
- Read books, sing songs and play games about fire safety
- Reach out to the Anchorage Fire Department for additional resources and education

**The Anchorage Fire Department website has additional resources for families to talk about fire safety and templates to create fire safety plans at home:**

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Fire/Prevention/Pages/default.aspx>

**Additional resources for fire prevention handouts and education:**

**Ready.gov:** <https://www.ready.gov/home-fires>

**NAEYC:** <https://www.naeyc.org/resources/pubs/tyc/feb2013/preschooler-fire-safety>

**American Red Cross:** <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/fire/fire-safety-for-kids.html>

## Fire Extinguisher Information for Child Care Providers

- Each new fire extinguisher comes with a tag attached from the manufacturer.
- The tag has 12 blocks that are used for documenting monthly inspections that providers should be completing.
- During your annual fire inspection, the inspector will accept a tag that is attached to the fire extinguisher with the first inspection block is filled out with the month and year and indicates “NEW”. Providers should also write the serial number of the fire extinguisher on the tag.
- One year from the date marked new or if the tag is removed the fire extinguisher is required to be serviced and re-tagged.
- When additional fire extinguishers are provided above the minimum number required, they still need to be tagged. Please reach out to your assigned child care licensing specialist if you have questions regarding your fire extinguishers.

