



CITY OF WHITE SALMON

SHORT-TERM RENTAL

Short-Term Rental Fire Safety Checklist and Approval

The primary objective is to provide the guests of short-term rentals with a measure of protection based on the provisions of the Residential Building Code.

Smoke Detection

- ☐ Detectors shall be located on every level of the dwelling including the basement, inside every bedroom, and outside the immediate vicinity of the bedroom and be loud enough to wake sleeping persons.

Carbon Monoxide Detection

- ☐ If the rental unit is equipped with Fuel burning appliances (stoves, heaters, fireplaces, furnaces, etc.) or has an attached garage, carbon monoxide detection shall be installed within 10 to 15 feet of all bedrooms and sleeping areas. *Reference RCW 19.27.530 for Carbon monoxide alarms, requirements, exemptions, and adoption of rules.*

Fire Extinguishers

- ☐ There shall be a fire extinguisher installed in the area of the kitchen no farther than 30 feet from the stove so that it can be easily accessed.
- ☐ There shall be a fire extinguisher installed in any garage.
- ☐ There shall be a fire extinguisher installed on each level of a house within easy reach and accessibility.

Egress

Means of egress include all components in the normal path of travel to the outside of the building. There shall be no unusual obstructions on the exit route to the outside of the building.

- ☐ Doors shall have a minimum clear width of 32 inches to facilitate egress. The door width requirement may be reduced to 28 inches in older buildings subject to the authority having jurisdiction.
- ☐ Doors shall swing freely with no sticking.
- ☐ Floors should be level with minimum changes in elevation.
- ☐ Corridors should be at least 36 inches wide and have minimal projections entering the space, including furniture and decorations, so as to not slow down persons existing from the building.

Egress Continued

- ☐ Door and window locks in the egress passages shall be easily unlocked without any undue hardship or tools.
- ☐ One and two-family dwellings must have a primary and secondary means of egress. *The primary means is generally a door leading into the building with egress windows serving the secondary means of egress from bedrooms.*
- ☐ Windows should open easily without undue effort.
- ☐ Third floor bedrooms will require additional fire escape stairs.
- ☐ Attached garages must be separated from the dwelling unit by fire grade sheetrock and a self-closing fire door leading into the structure. *Primary egress through a garage is not acceptable.*
- ☐ Bedrooms or sleeping areas shall not have direct access to an attached garage.
- ☐ Bedrooms or sleeping areas shall have an egress that shall open into a public way, or to a yard or court providing an unobstructed path with a width of not less than 36 inches that opens to a public way.

General Housekeeping

- ☐ Keep critical areas free of combustible materials and obstructions. *Critical areas include woodstove spaces, heating devices, oil tanks., and similar areas.*
- ☐ Electrical panels must have a clear area of 3 feet in front of the panel with easy access. All the electrical panel's breakers must be clearly marked.

Chapter 64.37.030 RCW—Consumer safety

- ☐ Provide contact information to all short-term rental guest's stay. The contact must be available to respond to inquiries at the short-term rental during the length of stay;
- ☐ Provide that their short-term rental is in compliance with RCW 19.27.530 and any rules adopted by the state building code council regarding the installation of carbon monoxide alarms; and
- ☐ Post the following information in a conspicuous place within each dwelling unit used as a short-term rental:
 - The short-term rental street address;
 - The emergency contact information for summoning police, fire, or emergency medical services;
 - The floor plan indicating fire exits and escape routes;
 - The maximum occupancy limits; and
 - The contact information for the operator or designated contact.

Short-term rental platforms must provide short-term rental operators with a summary of the consumer safety requirements. Enforcement: For a first violation of Chapter 64.37.030 RCW, the city attorney must issue a warning letter to the owner or operator. An owner that violates this section after receiving a warning letter is guilty of a class 2 civil infraction under Chapter 7.80 RCW.