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Home Name: Hamida House

Provider: HND Children's Care Ltd.

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Home Type: One-bed solo placement children's home

Fire Safety & Fire Extinguisher Risk Management Assessment

High-Risk Children's Residential Setting

Purpose

This risk management assessment has been completed to balance effective fire safety arrangements with safeguarding responsibilities within a high-risk children's residential setting. Due to identified behaviours and assessed risks within the home, unrestricted access to fire extinguishers may present a potential weaponisation, misuse, or ligature risk to children and young people.

This assessment outlines the control measures in place to ensure fire safety and first aid equipment remain accessible to staff whilst reducing identified safeguarding risks.

Fire Safety & First Aid Equipment Within the Home

The home currently has the following safety equipment in place:

Fire Extinguishers

- 2 fire extinguishers located within the main office
- 1 chemical fire extinguisher located within the kitchen
- 1 fire extinguisher located within the staff sleep-in bedroom

Fire Blankets

- 1 fire blanket located within the kitchen
- 1 fire blanket located within the staff sleep-in bedroom for emergency staff access

First Aid Kits

- 1 first aid kit located within the kitchen
- 1 staff first aid kit located within the main office

Additional Fire Safety Measures

- Smoke alarms installed throughout the home and regularly tested
- Fire evacuation routes clearly identified and kept clear at all times
- Staff have access to emergency contact information and emergency procedures

Identified Risks

The following risks have been identified through environmental risk assessments and behavioural management reviews:

- Potential weaponisation of fire extinguishers
- Misuse of fire safety equipment by children or young people
- Risk of deliberate discharge causing injury, panic, or disruption
- Potential use of equipment during behavioural incidents
- Risk of environmental contamination from extinguisher discharge
- Safeguarding concerns linked to emotional dysregulation and high-risk behaviours

Control Measures in Place

Equipment Accessibility

- Fire extinguishers are located in staff-accessible areas only
- The office remains a supervised and restricted area for staff use
- The staff sleep-in bedroom remains staff-only and inaccessible to children without supervision
- Kitchen fire safety equipment positioned for rapid adult response during cooking activities
- Fire blankets remain easily accessible to staff in emergency situations

Supervision & Safeguarding

- Children are supervised in accordance with individual risk assessments
- Staff monitor access to potentially hazardous items and environmental risks
- Environmental and fire safety risks are reviewed regularly
- Any increase in high-risk behaviour results in immediate review of control measures
- Safeguarding and fire safety responsibilities are incorporated into daily practice

Staff Training

All staff receive training in:

- Fire safety procedures
- Emergency evacuation procedures
- Safe use of fire extinguishers and fire blankets
- First aid awareness
- Dynamic risk assessment
- Safeguarding and behaviour management
- Responding to emergencies and high-risk incidents

Daily Monitoring & Oversight

The following monitoring systems are in place:

- Daily kitchen and environmental safety checks completed by day and night staff
- Fire exits checked daily to ensure safe evacuation routes
- Fire safety and first aid equipment visually checked during routine monitoring
- Any missing, damaged, or unsafe equipment reported immediately
- Registered Manager completes regular audits and oversight checks
- Records maintained within the home's health and safety systems for Ofsted and regulatory review

Emergency Arrangements

In the event of a fire or emergency:

- Staff will prioritise the immediate safety and evacuation of children and young people
- Emergency services will be contacted immediately
- Trained staff may use fire extinguishers or fire blankets on small containable fires where safe to do so
- Staff are not expected to place themselves or children at unnecessary risk
- The home's emergency evacuation procedure will be followed at all times
- First aid kits are available for immediate response to minor injuries until emergency services arrive if required

Review & Monitoring

This assessment will be reviewed:

- Following any fire-related incident
- Following misuse of safety equipment
- Following safeguarding concerns
- Following changes in children's assessed risks
- As part of routine health and safety monitoring

Registered Manager Approval

Registered Manager Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Next Review Date: _____