



Short Term Rental Fire and Life Safety Guidance

Fire Extinguishers

- STR's are required to have fire extinguishers that have a minimum rating of 2-A:10-B:C
 - Click Here [Fire Extinguisher Ratings | NFPA](#)
- Every level of the STR is required to have an extinguisher that is properly mounted or clearly marked where it is located.
 - Click here [Extinguisher Placement Guide | NFPA](#)
- All fire extinguishers are required to be serviced and tagged annually or after each use.
 - Click here [Guide to Fire Extinguisher ITM | NFPA](#)

Adequacy of Egress

- Any STR dwelling must have adequate means of egress. In most situations, this means there must be 2 ways out. Each means of egress shall always be maintained and kept free from obstructions including accumulation of snow and ice. Each window or door opening that is considered as a means of egress must follow applicable codes as to the required size.

Posted Egress Plan

- A diagram depicting two evacuation routes out of all living and sleeping areas shall be posted at or immediately adjacent to the main entry.
 - Click here [House Evacuation Plan Template | MyDraw](#)

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

- All STRs with fuel-burning appliances, fireplaces, or furnaces, are required to have carbon monoxide detectors. They shall be installed on every level, within fifteen feet of sleeping areas, and within twenty feet of the fuel-burning appliances, fireplaces, and furnaces. Carbon Monoxide detectors shall also be installed within 10 feet of a doorway of an attached garage.
 - Click here [NFPA - Carbon monoxide alarms](#)

Smoke Alarms

- All STR's shall have working smoke alarms on all levels of the occupancy. This includes basements and rooms used for sleeping purposes. Smoke alarms are required in each bedroom and within 15 feet of the outside of each bedroom. Detectors need to be installed toward the middle of the room but with consideration of proximity to bathrooms, ceiling fans, and air ducts.
 - Click here [Installing and maintaining smoke alarms - NFPA](#)

Occupant Load

- All STR's shall follow the City of Crosslake Ordinance regarding the number of occupants that may sleep in an STR. The City Ordinance allows 3 people per bedroom, plus 1 additional person in the occupancy.

Improvised Electrical Conditions Use of Extension Cords

- Electrical wiring, devices, equipment, and appliances that are modified or damaged, and constitute an electrical shock or fire hazard, shall not be used until repaired or replaced in accordance with the Fire Code 603.2.1 and NFPA 70.
 - All STR's will be inspected for proper use of extensions cords. Extension cords shall not be used as permanent wiring, not affixed to the structure, extended through walls, ceilings, floors, under doors, or floor coverings. Extension cords shall be listed and labeled, not subject to environmental or physical damage. Cords should serve only one portable appliance.

Use of Portable Heating Devices

- All STR's will be inspected for the proper use and location of portable and electric space heaters. Devices shall be listed and labeled, plugged directly into an approved receptacle, and not plugged into an extension cord. Any type of portable electric heating device shall not be operated within 3 feet of any combustible materials and operated only in locations for which they are listed to be used in. Consult manufacturers user manual for proper operations and approved locations.
 - Click here [Safety with heating equipment | NFPA](#)

Physical Address, Unit Number and License Number

- All STR's are required to have their address and unit # provided in a conspicuous location. Numbers and letters shall be not less than 4 inches in height and with a minimum stroke width of ½" inches.
- The City of Crosslake will provide and install a license number sign which will be posted underneath the E911 Address of the property being used as a STR.