

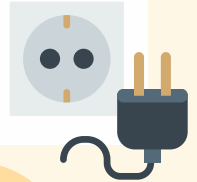
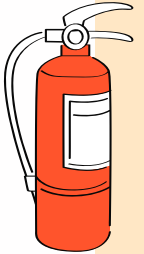
Foster Care Home Study Checklist



Qualifications will vary by state, but here is a quick list of where to start!

Make your home safe for a foster youth

- Install safety gates
- Install window guards & locks
- Install door and cabinet locks
- Secure dressers and large furniture
- Install outlet covers
- Lock up hazardous cleaning chemicals
- Make sure all bedrooms have a door
- Check that your fire extinguishers are up-to-date
- Post emergency phone numbers on your fridge or by your phone
- Set age-appropriate settings on your TV
- Block access to inappropriate sites on any computers or tablets
- Lock away alcohol and medications
- Lock away tobacco, cigarettes and e-cigarettes
- Install smoke alarms on each level of your home
- Make sure pets are up to date on vaccinations as required by law
- Lock away firearms safely
- Ensure pool is fenced with a locked gate to prevent unsupervised access



Prepare for your interview

- Be sure all paperwork is signed and ready to go
- Make necessary photocopies of important documents
- Think about your motivation to be a foster parent
- Consider making a list of your strengths (Your strong support system, etc.)
- Think about your moral and ethical beliefs
- Understand that often reunification is the goal
- Be honest and aware of needed work to your home and have a plan in place
- Think about the children that may be a good fit in your home
- Be ready to be open and honest about your past



For more information on the process and requirements to become a foster parent, visit: