



**City of Isle of Palms  
Short-Term Rental Fire Safety Criteria  
Acknowledgment Form**

Property Owner(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Rental Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Required Fire Safety Criteria Items**

1. A required fire extinguisher shall be a minimum size of 2A:10B:C. Extinguisher shall be serviced and tagged, or purchased and bought receipt kept for record every 6 (six) years. Top of the extinguisher shall be no higher than 60" from the floor and mounted in a conspicuous (seen) location where they will have ready access and be immediately available. *2021 South Carolina Fire Code Section 906.*
2. Required working smoke alarms shall be provided in each bedroom, in hallways outside all sleeping spaces, and one on each floor, also making sure alarms are mounted away from the kitchen. *SC Code 5-25-1310; 2021 South Carolina Residential Code Section R314; 2021 South Carolina Fire Code 1103.8*
3. Required carbon monoxide detectors shall be located on each floor close to bedrooms, close to gas appliances, close to working fireplaces or gas heaters, and close to the entrance door of an attached garage (not in a garage). *2021 South Carolina Residential Code R315; 2021 South Carolina Fire Code 1103.9.*
4. Required dwelling's (House) street address designation shall be posted in a conspicuous (seen from the street) location. Numbers and/or letters shall be 4 inches in height, or greater. *2021 South Carolina Residential Code R319.*

\*Follow manufacturer's instructions on installation location. \* \_\_\_\_\_

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**B. Recommended Fire Safety Criteria Items**

The following items are recommended for home fire prevention and safety:

1. Storage be maintained in an orderly fashion and not of an excessive nature; thereby, presenting no fire or safety hazard.
2. Fire evacuation plans be prepared and posted on all inside bedroom doors.
3. It is recommended that all stairways, walking surfaces, and handrails are in good condition (free from trip hazards, damage, and instability).
4. There be at least one operable window (not painted shut or fastened so it cannot be opened other than the original lock) or door exiting to the exterior be provided for each bedroom to be used for emergency escape and/or rescue.

5. Exit doors are easily accessible and unobstructed. The door should open without excessive effort and open to the full position.
6. Exit doors are able to be unlocked/unlatched from the inside with a single action (no keys) so occupants can exit the building/dwelling (house) without delay.
7. Exit pathways be clear of storage or objects that restrict normal exit width (about 36 inches).
8. Stairwells (to include areas under the stairs) are free of combustible (things that can burn) item storage.
9. The common emergency exit path, if applicable, is marked by exit signs and emergency lighting (multi-occupant buildings only).
10. Extension cords are only to be used on a temporary basis. Such cords are only approved for portable items, not including microwaves, refrigerators, heaters, computers, toasters, or toaster ovens as these should be plugged straight into an outlet. When using power strips, they should have a built-in circuit breaker and should never be plugged into another power strip. Additionally, extension cords should never function as permanent wiring.
11. Circuit breaker panels should not have any open circuits (missing breakers, uncovered breaker spaces). All circuits should be clearly labeled, and circuit breaker panel doors remain closed and latched.
12. All electrical junction boxes, outlets, and light switches have plate covers and are secured in place.
13. A clear access area always be maintained around the circuit breaker panel (minimum: 30" wide x 36" deep x 78" high).
14. Fuel burning systems be vented to the outside and have flue/piping that is in place and free of gaps or holes.
15. Solid fuel burning (wood) systems during regular use, be cleaned, and inspected annually by a certified chimney sweep.
16. Spacing of not fewer than 36 inches be maintained between combustible materials and any heating system or appliance.
17. Dwelling's (houses) that have a fire alarm system or a fire sprinkler system be inspected by a servicing company to ensure those systems are in operable condition every year.

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The required fire safety criteria are included in the South Carolina Residential, Building, and Fire Codes. By signing below, property owner acknowledges that I have read the required and recommended Short-term Rental Fire Safety Criteria outlined above, and that the short-term rental property requirements will be in compliance with these required criteria within 90 days of the signature date.

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Signature of Property Owner or Authorized Agent

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Date