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CHECKLIST FOR FIRE SAFETY

Please do a walkthrough, ideally with your fire department, and have a certified electrician evaluate your facility.

OUTSIDE

- My address is posted very clearly in reflective numbers at the road
- I have contacted the fire department and they have given me minimum height and width requirements and turning radius for their vehicles
- My driveway/road can accommodate my fire department's vehicles, there are no overhanging branches, and the roadway is gravel or other improved base
- My parking area does not impinge on access or turning room for emergency vehicles, and no one is allowed to park in front of the stable other than for temporary loading and unloading
- My fire department knows the location of all water sources on my property – ponds, wells, storage tanks, hydrants – and there is easy access to them
- If there is a pond on my property I have installed a standpipe (a rigid vertical pipe to which fire hoses can be connected)
- My fire department knows the location of all emergency utility shutoffs
- If there is a lock on my gate I have a lock box and my emergency responders have access. If there is a combination lock, they have the combination
- There is a layout of the property in the lock box and the fire department also has a copy
- I have cleared a fire barrier along my road and along my driveway
- I have cleared all debris from around my stable
- There are no overhanging trees at my stable



- I have clearly marked and easily accessed water spigots on all sides of my stable, with attached hoses that will stretch the full length of the side
- I have a shovel and a ladder on each side of my stable
- I have posted “No Smoking” signs around my stable and have informed my boarders that smoking will not be tolerated anywhere on my property

INSIDE

- I have a sprinkler system inside my stable - this system was installed by a contractor and is appropriate to my climate and water system.
- I have clearly marked utility shutoffs - my boarders know where they are and how to turn them off
- I have (10 pound minimum) fire extinguishers at each exit, and if my stable is large I have one every 50 feet
- Everyone at my stable knows how to use a fire extinguisher
- I have more than one doorway from the outside into my stable. While interior doors may be locked, these exterior doors are never locked
- Access doors open to the full width of the aisles
- Every stall has a door that opens to the outside
- Equipment is in place outside the exterior stall doors that can be made into a safe runway to a paddock or pasture. When evacuating horses, exterior doors open against the outside wall and horses are herded down the runway to a safe holding area at least 100 feet from the stable. As each horse exits his stall, the door is closed behind him
- I have all electrical wire encased in non-corrosive conduit
- I have all light fixtures encased in safety cages
- Cobwebs, hay and debris are cleaned up every day
- All doors to stalls are in good working condition



- I do not have any household extension cords, fans, heaters in my stable. All equipment is designed for use in a stable
- Any household electrical appliances such as coffee makers use covered, grounded outlets and are unplugged when not attended
- I have a phone in my stable. It is easily accessible, clearly marked, and emergency numbers and directions to the property are posted close by
- Hay and bedding are stored in a separate building at least 50 feet away from my stable
- All fuel, and vehicles that run on it, are at least 50 feet away from my stable
- All aisles are clear of any hazards, including hay bales, tack boxes, electrical cords, and cleaning equipment such as rakes
- I have lightning protection on top of my stable
- I have used flame retardant paints on any wood in my stable
- Every horse has a halter and lead rope on his (inside) door; every horse and every boarder has practiced emergency evacuation procedures (horses have practiced with and without a blindfold); and every horse has been introduced to a firefighter in turnouts
- Every horse knows how to load into a trailer under any circumstance (inclement weather, day or night, wildfire evacuation, veterinary emergency, etc)
- Our stable practices fire drills and every boarder understands that once flames are seen no one will be allowed to enter the stable, regardless of what person or animal is in the stable
- Safety and evacuation procedures are discussed at every boarder's meeting and everyone is aware of the dangers

