



Adult placement occurs in a private domestic home. If such a home has a level of fire precautions adequate to safeguard the family who live in it, there should be no reason why a greater level of fire precautions is required merely because an adult (or up to three adults) is taken into the home to be treated as a member of the family and to share the love and support that a family environment provides.

This Authority recommends that Adult Carers follow the fire safety standards detailed from page 15 in the “*Fire Safety in Adult Placements: A Code of Practice*”, published September 2005 by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: London. An electronic copy can be found at –

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20150728221515/http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/buildingregulations/approveddocuments/partb/associated/adult>

The guidance provided in this Code of Practice from page 15 to 18 is appropriate for domestic dwellings of up to three storeys (i.e. ground, first and second floors), which are occupied by no more than three service users in addition to the Carer and their own family. Where dwellings used for adult placement exceed three storeys, or include a basement storey, fire & rescue authorities need to be consulted and an inspection of the premises will be recommended.

The Code takes account of the fact that adult placements are provided in ordinary family homes. It supports and provides a valuable contribution to the promotion of safety and good practice in adult placements.