

# CITY OF TUCSON RENTAL HOUSING ASSESSMENT PROJECT

The City's multi-departmental Rental Housing Assessment Team is providing this informational flyer for fire code issues that may pertain to your dwelling, or affect your well being. For more information you may call the Fire Prevention Center at 791-4502. Thank you.

## EMERGENCY ESCAPES:

- Bars, grills and grates are prohibited on bedroom windows or any other rooms used for sleeping purposes unless all of the items below are met:
  - The bars, grills or grates have a quick release that can be opened from the inside without a key and no special knowledge or effort is needed to operate the mechanism.
  - The release mechanisms are maintained operable (they actually work).
  - The building is equipped with smoke detectors.

## LOCKING DEVICES:

- Exit doors shall be maintained in operable condition.
- Excessive force shall not be required to open the door.
- A key operated dead bolt can not be used on a rented unit.
- A security chain, thumb- latch operated deadbolt (not the key type), or night latch can be used on the door provided that the door can be opened from the inside without a key or special knowledge. The device shall not be mounted above 48 inches from the floor.
- Slide bolts are prohibited.

## COMBUSTIBLE VEGETATION:

- Combustible vegetation must be removed when determined by the chief to be a fire hazard. This includes cut or uncut:
  - Weeds
  - Grass
  - Vines
  - Other vegetation
- When the total growth area is impractical to cut because of size, approved fuel breaks shall be established (a standard fuel break is 30 feet).

## SMOKE DETECTORS:

- Smoke detectors shall be provided for rooms used for sleeping purposes.

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