

BARN FIRE SAFETY

TOP 10 CHECKLIST



Fire is an ever-present concern for stable owners. Contact your local fire department to do a walkthrough of your property and provide recommendations for a pre-plan. A qualified electrician should also evaluate your facility. There are many steps that can be taken to establish good fire prevention practices. The following list provides an excellent starting point:

— Inside —

- Smoke detectors are checked at least twice a year
- Clearly marked utility shutoffs - my boarders know where they are and how to turn them off
- 5 pound (minimum) ABC fire extinguishers mounted at each exit and in all mechanical and feed rooms (if my stable is large or houses a generator, a 10 pound (minimum) ABC fire extinguisher is installed every 50 feet)
- Everyone at the stable knows how to use a fire extinguisher
- All electrical wire is encased in non-corrosive conduit, outlets are GFCI and extensions cords are only used temporarily
- All light fixtures are encased in glass globe and wire cage
- Hay and bedding are stored in a separate building at least 50 feet away from my stable
- Stalls each have an exterior door (recommended)
- Sprinkler system inside the stable - installed by a licensed contractor and is appropriate for my climate and water system (recommended)
- Cobwebs and debris are removed on a regular basis - loose hay and straw are swept and disposed of