



## **ALPHA PLUS GUARDIAN SERVICES LTD    Health and Safety Statement**

Alpha Plus Guardian Services Ltd is committed to ensuring that all host families go through a rigorous health and safety check before any student is placed within the household. An initial visit is made by one of the Directors or an Alpha Plus Area Manager to assess the suitability of the accommodation and make a simple risk assessment. A Host Family visit sheet will be completed during the assessment and this record will be kept on the Host Family file.

The following health and safety checks are performed during the initial visit and thereafter on an annual basis:

- Check smoke alarms on each level are operational
- Check carbon monoxide alarms are installed in rooms where there are gas liquid or solid fuel appliances. Check these are operational
- Check annual gas safety check and request copy of the registered engineer's certificate
- Check electrics are safe – no overloaded sockets
- Ensure the Host Family discuss with the student the possible evacuation routes in the event of a fire
- Open fires should have suitable fire guards. Matches and lighters stored appropriately
- A basic first aid kit should be available
- All prescription and over the counter medication should be store appropriately
- Alcohol should be store appropriately
- Basic food hygiene should be practiced by the host family, including appropriate storage of food purchased by the student.

