

2 HEALTH AND SAFETY OF HOME

There are many aspects of a space that make your house an appropriate family child care environment. One of the most important things is how safe it is for the children in your care. In addition to the obvious health and safety items it is important to pay attention to details such as temperature, lighting, lack of clutter, cleanliness, and other things that support a healthy and safe environment for young children.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

2.1 SPACE IS WELL-VENTILATED WITH A COMFORTABLE TEMPERATURE

Space smells clean & fresh: no odor of diaper pail, smoking, garbage, pets or air fresheners
 Temperature is controllable at a comfortable level
 Ventilation should be able to be controlled in all spaces used for children
 Windows work and limit temperature change

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

2.2 FURNISHINGS ARE APPROPRIATE AND IN GOOD REPAIR

Both adult & child-sized furnishings are available
 Corner guards are used on furnishings with sharp edges
 Furniture used is safe & sturdy
 Cubbies must be large enough to hold all of the possessions of an individual child, without touching other children's things. (FCCERS)

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

2.3 BALANCE OF NATURAL & ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING IS AVAILABLE

Windows in space provide natural light
 If fluorescent lighting is used, it is combined with other lighting
 The direct lighting must be in the spaces used for child care more than 50% of time children are allowed to attend (FCCERS)

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

2.4 RADIATORS, FANS & AIR CONDITIONERS ARE SECURELY INSTALLED WITH APPROPRIATE BARRIERS AND IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

2.5 LOW WINDOWS & WINDOWS ABOVE FIRST FLOOR HAVE CHILD-SAFE BARRIERS

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

2.6 FIREPLACE OR WOODSTOVE IS SCREENED; RAISED HEARTH HAS PROTECTIVE BARRIER

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!




COMMENTS: _____

2.7 HOME HAS BEEN CERTIFIED LEAD SAFE

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

KEY

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2.8

HOME HAS BEEN CERTIFIED AS RADON SAFE & IS RETESTED EVERY THREE YEARS

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

2.9

DRINKING WATER IS SAFE & RETESTED EVERY YEAR

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

2.10

WORKING TELEPHONE IS AVAILABLE IN CHILD CARE SPACE WITH EMERGENCY NUMBERS POSTED

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

2.11

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND OBJECTS ARE STORED IN LOCKED SPACES OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN, INCLUDING:

Cleaning supplies
Batteries
Gasoline
Paint
Matches, cigarettes
Alcoholic beverages
Pet supplies

Plastic bags & balloons
Hair dryers, curling iron
Razors
Poisonous houseplants
Guns
Medications

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

2.12

ELECTRICAL OUTLETS ARE COVERED, WITH A CHOKE PROOF, CHILD RESISTANT DEVICE (DCYF)

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

2.13

PILLARS & POSTS IN CHILD SPACE ARE WRAPPED

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

2.14

SPACE IS ORGANIZED SO THAT INFANTS & TODDLERS ARE PROTECTED FROM DANGEROUS MATERIALS, SUCH AS:

Breakable items
Choking hazards
Furniture that could tip if they pull up on it
Hard & sharp edges

RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

2.15

WINDOW BLINDS DO NOT HAVE HANGING CORDS

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PR!
Priority! Don't forget to identify priority items

 Health & Safety

 Center Quality

 Maintenance, Repair & Aesthetics

2.16

STAIRS HAVE CHILD-HEIGHT HAND RAILS

RATING: **0** **1** **2** **3** **4** N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

2.17

THERE IS A FIRST AID KIT AVAILABLE IN THE CHILD CARE SPACE

RATING: **0** **1** **2** **3** **4** N/A PR!

COMMENTS: _____

2.18

THERE ARE FIRE SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE, INCLUDING:

- Annually approved fire inspection
- Smoke detector located outside sleeping areas in immediate vicinity, or in sleeping areas if the use space adjacent is a bathroom or kitchen
- Smoke detector located at the top of stairs
- Home is equipped with a carbon monoxide detector
- Fire extinguisher located in the kitchen (if used or expired, replace immediately)

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COMMENTS: _____




2.19

FINGER-PINCH SHIELDS ARE USED WITH DOORS.

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