

HEALTH & SAFETY FACILITY CHECKLIST

This checklist provides parents with a list of suggested questions to ask their child care provider to ensure that the home where care is to be provided is a safe and healthy place for their child(ren). This does not include all situations that may be hazardous to your child. The checklist is a supplement to the Health & Safety Self-Certification form, CCP 4, which is completed by you and your provider. There is no legal requirement for your provider to meet the health and safety items on this form. If your provider does not meet one or more of the items on this checklist and is not willing to correct the problem(s), you may want to find another provider. If you need assistance, ask your worker or local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency. Please review this list with your provider in the home where care is to be provided.

IN THE HOME

Yes No N/A

- Are there safety covers on all electrical outlets?
- Is tap water 120 degrees Fahrenheit or less?
- Are radiators, pipes, fireplaces, wood burning stoves and other hot surfaces covered to prevent children from being burned?
- Are safety covers on any fans small enough to keep small fingers out?
- Do all drawers and cabinets with dangerous/poisonous items have childproof safety latches?
- Are windows secured so they cannot be opened more than six inches?
- Is the child care setting free of lead, toxic or peeling paint?
- If door can be locked from inside, is the bolt either taped open, removed, or a key placed outside the room?
- If you use a toy chest, have you removed the lid or installed air holes and a slow-closing latch?
- Is the provider aware of the need to wash their hands before handling food, after each visit to the bathroom or after changing a child's diaper?

HALLWAYS & STAIRS

Yes No N/A

- Are hallways and stairs free of objects that could cause a fall?
- Is there a gate on stairways?
- Does the gate have small enough openings to prevent a child's head from getting stuck?

KITCHEN

Yes No N/A

- Are knives, other sharp objects and dangerous appliances kept out of children's reach?
- Are pot handles always turned toward the back of the stove?
- Are cleaning materials and other toxic supplies kept in a secure place out of the reach of children?
- Is trash stored away from food preparation and storage areas?

BATHROOM

Yes No N/A

- Are all medicines kept out of the reach of children in cabinets with childproof latches?
- Are toilet seats kept down?
- Are electrical equipment, hair dryers, shavers, curling irons, etc. kept away from water and out of the reach of children?

OUTDOORS

Yes No N/A

- Is the play area fenced if it is near a dangerous area such as a busy street?
- If you have play equipment (swings, slides, etc.,) does the play area have a soft surface such as sand or woodchips?
- If there is an in ground pool, is there a five foot see through fence around the pool with a self-latching gate where the latch is at the top or a covering strong enough to support the weight of an adult?
- Is there constant supervision of children around any water?

VEHICLES

Yes No N/A

- If the provider has permission to transport a child, does the vehicle have seatbelts and car seats appropriate for the size and age of the child?

EMERGENCIES

Yes No N/A

- Is the child care provider aware of any health problems your child may have?
- Is there an operating phone in the home readily accessible for emergency use?
- Is there at least one working smoke detector and fire extinguisher?
- If there are firearms, are they kept locked and is ammunition kept in a separate locked storage area?
- Is the provider aware of the right of the parent to enter the home and see their child at any time during which care is being provided?
- Is there a First Aid kit available for emergencies?
- Does the child care provider have an emergency evacuation plan?
- Does the provider maintain an emergency information card for each child with the child's full name, telephone number and location of a parent or other responsible adult named by the parent to be contacted in an emergency and the name and phone number of the child's physician and the parent's authorization for the provider to consent to emergency medical care?