



# Home Safety Checklist

Foster Home Name

Foster Home ID#

Household Requirements						
Yes	No	Will Comply	N/A	Comply Date	Worker Initial	
						Designated spaces for informal living, dining, food preparation and storage; separate rooms for sleeping and bathing.
						Stable supply of heat provided and maintained to rooms being occupied.
						Garbage, refuse and other wastes disposed of in a way that does not constitute a health hazard.
						Mirrors and other wall attachments fixed securely to walls.
						Maximum temperature of hot water in bathroom 120 degrees or less.
						Steps or railings sturdy, appropriately spaced and in good repair.
						Extension cords in good repair.
						*Electrical outlets covered and not overloaded.
						Electrical appliances and cords out of young children's reach.
						*Radiators, hot water pipes and fireplaces covered.
						*Exits and stairways gated or otherwise secured for infants and young children.
						Rugs and other moveable floor coverings safely secured.
						Matches and lighters inaccessible to children.
						Toys safe, clean and in good repair.
						Crib mobiles out of the reach of young children.
						Pot handles placed toward the back of the stove, out of the reach of young children.
						*Knives, scissors, and other sharp instruments kept out of the reach of young children.
						Windows, screens, and balcony doors in high-rise apartment buildings secured by safety catches.
						Blind and drape cords constructed without loops and out of the reach of young children.
						Television sets on tables or stands fastened securely.
						Unused refrigerators/freezers/stoves stored with doors removed.
						Adequate pest control.
Means of Communication						
Yes	No	Will Comply	N/A	Comply Date	Worker Initial	
						*Telephone access available.
						List of emergency telephone numbers readily accessible.
						Children/youth have knowledge of accessibility to phone for emergency usage.
						Children/youth have knowledge of emergency plan.

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Fire Safety						
Yes	No	Will Comply	N/A	Comply Date	Worker Initial	
						*Smoke Detectors on every floor level of home and in working order.
						Written Fire Evacuation Plan established and regularly reviewed with all family members.
						Flashlight(s) in working order; easily accessible in emergency.
						*Fire extinguisher(s) in working order, on each floor; not less than 2½ pounds; for Class B and C fires.
						*Carbon Monoxide detector(s) on every level of the home.
						Exits and hallways well lit and uncluttered.
						Fireplace/woodstoves installed as per specification of the local fire department.
						Fireplace screens or front guards in use; combustible deposits removed regularly.
						Stovepipe cleaned regularly.
Sleeping Arrangements						
Yes	No	Will Comply	N/A	Comply Date	Worker Initial	
						Infant cribs in compliance with government safety standards.
						Discussed safe baby sleep for caregivers of infants.
						Children will have their own bed (platform or standard that includes mattress, box springs, unless they are bunk beds, and bed frame).
						Bedrooms occupied by children do not have external door locks.
						Bedrooms occupied by children have a window.
						Clothing storage space available for child's personal belongings.
						No bedroom is in a building detached from the home, an unfinished attic or unfinished basement, or a stairway hall.
Weapons						
Yes	No	Will Comply	N/A	Comply Date	Worker Initial	
						*Weapons, including firearms, air rifles, and bows and hunting slingshots are made inoperable when not in use and are stored in locked cabinets, inaccessible to children.
						*Ammunition will be stored and locked separately from weapons.
Medicines and Hazardous Substances						
Yes	No	Will Comply	N/A	Comply Date	Worker Initial	
						*Medications and other potentially hazardous pharmaceutical substances stored locked and inaccessible to children.
						*Potentially hazardous household substances (e.g. bleach, cleaning fluids, pesticides) secured out of reach, latched, or locked away

Specific Safety Precautions						
Yes	No	Will Comply	N/A	Comply Date	Worker Initial	
						Inform and instruct child about potential danger of certain types of farm equipment, structures, and livestock (where applicable).
						*Inform and instruct child about water safety and potential danger of specific water hazards i.e. wells, water troughs, lakes, rivers, reservoirs, culverts, tubs, ponds, swimming pools, Jacuzzi tubs.
						*Swimming pools on property are secured with a fence, a locked gate, and a pool safety alarm as required by city/county/state regulations. Refer to <a href="#">Water Hazard / Pool Safety Assessment Tool</a>
						*Swimming pools must be equipped with a life saving device such as a ring buoy.
						*Hot tubs and spas must have safety covers that are locked when not in use. Non-portable hot tubs and spas require a safety alarm.
						Internet adult sites, adult videos, and other such adult materials are inaccessible to children.
						Precautions in place to protect children from second-hand smoke.
Pets						
Yes	No	Will Comply	N/A	Comply Date	Worker Initial	
						*Pet vaccinations in accordance with state and local laws.
						In or on the premises of a foster home are kept in a safe and sanitary manner in accordance with state and local laws.
						Potentially dangerous situations involving animals discussed and understood.
Automobile Safety						
Yes	No	Will Comply	N/A	Comply Date	Worker Initial	
						Automobile in safe operating condition.
						Valid Driver's License for each person driving children.
						*Equipped with child safety seats for infants/toddlers.
						*Equipped with booster seats for children ages 4 through age 8 who are less than 4'9".
						*Equipped with safety seat belts for each person.
						All safety seats and belts meet standard safety regulations.
						Foster parent is licensed.
						Foster parent has arranged with other adults with license for transportation.
						Copy of license on file in foster home files.
Water Source						
Yes	No	Will Comply	N/A	Comply Date	Worker Initial	
						Municipal water system.
						Well water.

Date of last test:

Results:

### Non-Compliance

Comment on areas of non-compliance and describe a safety plan addressing supervision and, if applicable, water safety. **The safety plan is not to exceed timeframe guidelines as referenced on the form instructions.**

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Foster Parent Signature

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Print Name

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Date

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FPS/Agency Signature

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Print Name

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