

## **Child Foster Care - Home Safety Checklist**

Prior to licensure the foster home must be inspected by a licensing agency employee using the home safety checklist from the Commissioner of human services (Minnesota Rules, part 2960.3050, subpart 1)

Name of License Holder/Program	:	

### **Emergency Procedures**

The following items must be posted and/or readily accessible in a prominent location in a common area of the home where they can be easily observed by a person responding to an incident.

- Yes No 1. A list of emergency phone numbers.
- Yes No 2. A written fire/emergency escape plan.
- Yes No 3. An operable flashlight and radio or television set that does not require electricity.
- Yes No 4. Accessible first-aid supplies.
- Yes No 5. An operable telephone.

#### **Physical Environment**

- Yes No 1. Exit doors and windows are not obstructed and are easily opened from the inside.
- Yes No 2. The wiring appears safe; no known hazards exist.
- Yes No 3. Extension cords are appropriately used and are not used in place of permanent wiring.
- Yes No 4. A fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A:10BC is maintained in the home.
- Yes No 5. All smoke detectors work and are properly installed on all levels of the home.
- Yes No 6. All interior doors can be unlocked from the outside and the opening device is readily accessible in case of emergency.
- Yes No 7. The home is clean and free from accumulations of dirt, grease, garbage, peeling paint, vermin and insects.
- Yes No 8. Outside property is free from debris and safety hazards. Exterior stairs and walkways are free of ice and snow.
- Yes No 9. When in use, fireplaces, wood burning stoves, and hot surfaces that could cause burns are protected by guards.
- Yes No 10. The heating system in the home is maintained in good working condition.

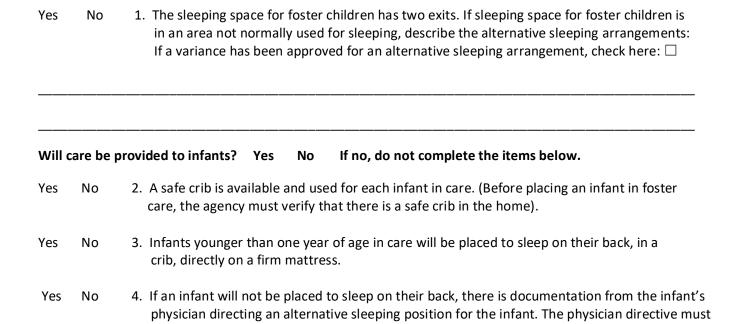
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#### **Home Safety & Health**

Yes No 1. Knives, tools, matches, and other potentially hazardous materials are not accessible based on age, and identified safety concerns and behaviors specific to each foster child in care. 2. Chemicals, detergents, and other toxic substances are not stored with food products or Yes No accessible in any way that poses a risk to children. 3. Combustible items are properly stored at least 36" from any heating sources. Yes No Yes 4. Individual clean bed linens, towels, and wash cloths are provided for each foster child. No 5. Food is handled and properly stored to prevent contamination, spoilage, or a threat to the Yes No health of children. Yes No 6. Medication is not accessible to children based on age and/or identified safety concerns. Yes 7. Schedule II controlled substances are stored in a locked area. No If there are no Schedule II controlled substances in the home, check here:  $\Box$ 8. There is a safe water supply in the home. Yes No 9. The water temperature does not exceed 120 degrees Fahrenheit in order to prevent scalding. Yes Νo Yes No 10. Weapons and ammunition are stored separately in locked areas that are not accessible or visible to foster children. Weapons include firearms and other instruments or devices designed for and capable of producing bodily harm. If there are no weapons in the home, check here:  $\Box$ 

# Sleeping Space for Foster Children & Reduction of Risk of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death

be on a form approved by the commissioner.



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		the mattress, and overlaps the underside on the corner of the sheet with reasonal	e of the mattress so it cannot be dislodged by pulling ble effort.	
Yes	No	6. Nothing will be placed in the crib with th	e infant except for the infant's pacifier.	
Yes	No	7. Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.1435 Reduction of Risk of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death in Licensed Programs has been reviewed by all caregivers. All caregivers agree to comply with the requirements of this section.		
			s and any follow-up required. Include the date each rection order was issued for an existing license:	
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5. The crib's firm mattress has a fitted sheet, appropriate to the mattress size that fits tightly on

Yes

No

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Items on this home safety checklist must not be altered or deleted.