

Family Child Care Home Health & Safety Guidelines for Maintaining Compliance

This sample guideline can be used to develop a maintenance checklist to meet your program specific needs. Please refer to the sample checklists for guidance regarding maintaining compliance with required records.

Please keep in mind it is the responsibility of the provider to ensure compliance with all regulatory requirements, not just those included below.

Poisons Inaccessible

- Cleaning supplies, toiletries, cosmetics
- Prescription/over-the-counter medications and diaper ointments

Electrical safety

- Outlets covered
- Hanging wires and loose electrical cords are secured/inaccessible

Stairways protected

- Stairways protected with sturdy child-safe gates
- Door to basement locked

Exits Clear

- Exits clear of obstructions

Hazards Inaccessible

- Unstable shelves, furniture, equipment, etc... secured, cannot tip
- Kitchen tools, office supplies, batteries, choking hazards

Diaper Changing Clean and Disinfected

- Clean/disinfect surface after changing each child
- Dispose of waste in a sanitary manner
- Handwashing after each diaper change

Other

- Water Temperature between 60-120 degrees
- Safe Storage of Flammables such as cleaning solvents, paints, gasoline, matches
- Pool/Hot Tub/Body of Water (including seasonal water) inaccessible with 4ft or higher sturdy fence/barrier, with locked entrances. Shallow wading pools emptied after use.
- Weapons stored unloaded and locked with key or combination lock and ammunition stored separately
- Smoke Detectors in working order on each level of home
- 5lb. Fire Extinguisher: Mounted/installed no higher than 5 feet easily accessible to areas used for child care
- Adequate First Aid Supplies
- Emergency numbers posted and updated
- Check medication expiration dates and permissions (if applicable)
- Cat/Dog updated rabies certificate