Day Care Safety Checklist



Walls and Windows

- ☐ Electrical outlets covered.
- ☐ Wall paint is not peeling.
- ☐ Electrical cords are in good condition and well out of reach of children.
- ☐ Windows have window guards that can be opened by adults in an emergency.
- ☐ Window drapes are secured.
- ☐ Exterior doors are secured to keep children from wandering out.
- ☐ Items on shelves are out of reach of children
- ☐ Cabinets not for children have safety latches
- ☐ All cleaning products are secured and away from children

Infant Cribs and Changing Tables

- ☐ Cribs are free of pillows or stuffed animals and bumper pads.
- ☐ Cribs have mattresses that fit snugly and sheets that fit securely.
- ☐ Cribs and changing-table items are regularly washed with gentle, baby-safe detergents.
- ☐ Changing tables are sanitary and stocked with supplies such as wipes and diaper-rash cream.





Indoor Play Areas and Adjoining Rooms

- ☐ Floors are free of clutter. Rugs are non-skid.
- ☐ Toys are clean, in good repair and safe for your child's age.
- ☐ Heavy items (TVs, large furniture) are secured so that children can't turn them over.
- ☐ Hot surfaces, such as radiators and stoves, are out of children's reach.

Outdoor Play Areas

- ☐ Play area is completely fenced
- ☐ Play equipment is safe, well maintained and appropriate for children's age.
- ☐ No areas of standing water which attract mosquitos.
- ☐ No hazards that could cause tripping or strangulation, such as dangling cords.
- ☐ No peeling paint.
- ☐ All lawn equipment and poisons are secured and out of reach of children.
- ☐ No protruding nails, bolts, splintered wood or other items that could cause injury.
- ☐ Children required to remove clothing that has hoods and drawstrings.
- ☐ Children never left unsupervised.





Safety Procedures and Devices

- ☐ Procedures for child drop-off/pick-up such as sign-in sheets and approved list of guardians.
- ☐ Caregiver certification in first-aid and CPR.
- ☐ Working carbon monoxide detectors.
- ☐ Working smoke detectors.
- ☐ Well stocked first-aid kit.
- ☐ Fire extinguishers inspection is current (see tag to determine when last inspected)
- ☐ Evacuation plan.

Bathroom

- ☐ Bathroom door can be easily opened from the exterior by an adult.
- ☐ Bathroom door has a device that makes it close slowly and softly to prevent injury to hands.
- ☐ Cabinets and medicine cabinets have latches.
- ☐ Nothing dangerous is accesible by children.
- ☐ Children are never left unsupervised.

