

**HOME INSPECTION CHECKLIST**

The following checklist will need to be completed on your home along with all DES paperwork for Certification.

SAFETY OF FACILITY INSIDE AND OUT	IN COMPLIANCE		
	YES	NO	N/A
All areas of the home facility accessible to the children are maintained in a safe and sanitary condition free from hazards.	Yes	No	N/A
Carpeting and/or floors are clean and safe – maintained in a safe and sanitary condition.	Yes	No	N/A
Doors and hallways are clear and passable.	Yes	No	N/A
Sliding doors should have decals at child's height. <b>*Recommended.</b>	Yes	No	N/A
Stairs are railed and gated inside and out. <i>(Do not use accordion style safety gates).</i>	Yes	No	N/A
Working telephone.	Yes	No	N/A
Indoor and outdoor play equipment is safe and in good repair. Areas are free from obvious hazards.	Yes	No	N/A
A mobile home has skirting to ensure that a child in care cannot go beneath the mobile home.	Yes	No	N/A
All areas occupied by children in care have lights, ventilation and screening. Window and screens are in good condition.	Yes	No	N/A
Temperature of home facility is between 68F and 85F.	Yes	No	N/A
Heating devices are vented and safeguarded to protect children from burns and/or harmful fumes. i.e. furnaces, heaters, stoves, fire pits.	Yes	No	N/A
Fireplaces are safely screened, and fire place tools are safeguarded.	Yes	No	N/A
Provider has sharp objects, knives, glass objects, pieces of metal, plastic bags, matches, lighters, flammable liquids, etc. safeguarded in locked cabinet/drawer.	Yes	No	N/A
Household and automotive tools, machineries and electrical boxes are safeguarded. i.e. propane grills disconnected.	Yes	No	N/A
Air condition units located within play area must be safeguarded.	Yes	No	N/A
Electrical outlets are capped when not in use.	Yes	No	N/A
All cords are in safe condition, out of sight, and outlets are not overloaded.	Yes	No	N/A
All chemicals, cleansers, and toxic substances are safeguarded.	Yes	No	N/A
Cosmetics and general bathroom items are under lock and key.	Yes	No	N/A
Medications are in a locked storage container and refrigerated if necessary.	Yes	No	N/A
Open alcoholic beverages shall be stored locked. Unopen ones shall be stored out of reach.	Yes	No	N/A
Firearms and ammunition are stored separately from one another, under lock and key or combination lock.	Yes	No	N/A
There is adequate space and equipment to accommodate each child in care and other household members.	Yes	No	N/A
There is a fence and/or gates to safeguard outside play areas for the children if hazards are present.	Yes	No	N/A
The fence /gate is at least 4 feet high, in good condition with no protruding nails or split boards if the play area poses a danger to children playing outside. i.e. traffic, canals, irrigation ditches, farm equipment, cactus.	Yes	No	N/A
The fence has a gate that is self-closing, self-latching and lockable.	Yes	No	N/A
No poisonous plants inside/outside the home. i.e. oleanders, dieffenbachia, etc.	Yes	No	N/A
First aid supplies/kit is available.	Yes	No	N/A
Pets with a history of biting, charging, growling, etc. are always kept away from children.	Yes	No	N/A

Pets are vaccinated & licensed depending on country/city ordinances.	Yes	No	N/A
Outdoor children's play area is free from pet waste.	Yes	No	N/A
All non-certified areas are locked with a lock and key.	Yes	No	N/A
There is an easily accessible ring buoy with at least 25 feet of ½ inch rope attached or shepherd's crook, if there is a pool.	Yes	No	N/A
Pool is separately enclosed by a 5-foot ( <i>from ground</i> ) permanent fence with self-closing, self-latching gate that separates it from all other outdoor areas and from windows and doors into the home. Open spaces between upright or parallel posts and poles on fences and gates shall be no more than 4 inches apart.	Yes	No	N/A
Spas and hot tubs are enclosed with fencing as described in #24, or with a hard, locked cover that prevents access and can support at least 100 pounds.	Yes	No	N/A
Pools, spas and hot tubs are maintained in a sanitary condition.	Yes	No	N/A
Wading pools must be emptied and sanitized after each use.	Yes	No	N/A
Trampoline must be separately fenced within yard.	Yes	No	N/A
<b>EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS &amp; EVACUATIONS</b>			
There must be two usable unobstructed outdoor exits.	Yes	No	N/A
Can provider verbally explain/demonstrate how to safely exit the home for an evacuation?	Yes	No	N/A
Evacuation plan posted with water, electric and gas shut off indicated.	Yes	No	N/A
Emergency number posted ( <i>911, poison control, etc.</i> ) <b>*Recommended.</b>	Yes	No	N/A
There is at least 1 working UL-approved smoke detector on each level of home.	Yes	No	N/A
Smoke detectors are working.	Yes	No	N/A
There is a readily accessible/operable multipurpose ( <i>ABC rated</i> ) fire extinguisher that provider can explain how to operate.	Yes	No	N/A
Bars on windows are easily opened if used as an emergency exit. <b>*Recommended.</b>	Yes	No	N/A
Can provider demonstrate how the bars on windows would be opened in an emergency?	Yes	No	N/A
If provider is on 2nd floor or higher, can they demonstrate or verbally explain how to safely exit with children?	Yes	No	N/A
<b>SANITATION</b>			
Soap, towels and toilet tissue are available, within each child's reach in the bathroom.	Yes	No	N/A
Diaper changing area is not in an area where food is prepared or consumed.	Yes	No	N/A
The diapering surface shall be cleaned, sanitized, and dried after each diaper change.	Yes	No	N/A
All soiled clothes including cloth diapers are bagged in plastic, individually labeled.	Yes	No	N/A
A lined container with a secure lid for soiled diaper is out of reach of children.	Yes	No	N/A
All garbage/trash containers have a close-fitting lid and is closed at all times.	Yes	No	N/A
Cooking/eating areas are free of caged animals.	Yes	No	N/A
The temperature in the refrigerator is 45F or less.	Yes	No	N/A
A child shall not be exposed to tobacco products or smoke.	Yes	No	N/A
<b>SAFE SLEEP</b>			
Crib and portable cribs meet safety guidelines. ( <i>stacked cribs and cribs with drop sides are not allowed</i> )	Yes	No	N/A
Beds, cots with mattress, or cribs required for overnight care and for total number of children certified. Crib bars or slats shall be no more than 2 <sup>3/8</sup> inches apart and the mattress shall fit snugly into the crib frame with no spaces. ( <i>cribs manufactured on or after June 28, 2011 are in compliance.</i> )	Yes	No	N/A
Each child in care has a napping space/cot/mat with clean linens available to them during certified child care hours.	Yes	No	N/A

<b>VEHICLES</b>			
Vehicle has functioning brakes, signal lights, and headlights.	Yes	No	N/A
Vehicle has tires with tread.	Yes	No	N/A
There is an adequate number of approved car seats, booster seats, and seat belts that are size and age appropriate for each child being transported.	Yes	No	N/A
There are first-aid supplies in the vehicle.	Yes	No	N/A
Children emergency forms are maintained in vehicle when transporting children.	Yes	No	N/A
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>			
Posted daily activity schedule.	Yes	No	N/A
Sufficient number of age appropriate large and small motor, language, and creative play toys/ activities available. (See <i>guidebook</i> )	Yes	No	N/A
All toys available to children are clean and in good repair.	Yes	No	N/A