

Little Lambs Home Daycare

Health and Safety Checklist for Home Child Care

OK	FIX	GENERAL INDOOR AREAS
		Ample floor space for child care children, play materials, and furnishings is available
		Floors are in good repair and have nonskid surfaces. Rugs are skid-proof
		Doors to areas that children can enter, such as bathrooms, can be easily opened from the outside or by a child or adult
		Doors in areas used by children are adapted so that children can't leave the house undetected
		Sliding doors are lockable
		Glass doors and full-length windows are made of safety glass (tempered)
		Windows on second story (if used by daycare children) cannot be opened for than 3.5 inches from the bottom or are otherwise protected by window guards that keep children inside, but that an adult can release if window guard must be opened in an emergency
		Window blind cords are tied with clothespins or specially designed cord clips
		All windows have screens
		all windows are lockable
		furniture is kept away from windows to discourage climbing near windows
		Walls and ceiling have no peeling paint and no cracked or falling plaster
		Door mats are inside and outside each exit door to trap dirt that might bring contaminants into the house
		floors are covered with a non-porous surface such as hardwood, laminate, or linoleum. Where rugs are used, they are washable, and cleaned in a washing machine or steam cleaned to remove soil
		Furniture, window coverings, furniture coverings, fabric surfaces and rugs look to be in good repair and clean. They are vacuumed every couple of months do reduce dust mites
		Dehumidifiers are in use to prevent mold growth in any areas of the house where the humidity rises above 60% and there are no musty doors in any area indoors
		Drinking water is from a public or regulated source, or if from a well, the well water is tested annually to be sure it meets drinking water standards.

		all electrical outlets are either child-resistant or protected by tamper-resistant devices
		All electrical appliances and fixtures are protected by circuit breakers
		Electrical cords are not accessible to children. None are frayed. None are placed near doorways and traffic paths. All extra cord length is bundled with a plastic tie
		Televisions, computers and stereo equipment are positioned snugly against walls. VCR/DVD/CD players are inaccessible to children when not in use to prevent children from putting objects, a hand or finger inside slots.
		furniture or heavy equipment that may tip over is anchored
		Covers or guards for fans have openings small enough to keep children's fingers out
		free-standing space heaters are not used (unless otherwise approved, specific criteria must be met)
		Pipes, radiators, fireplaces, wood burning stoves and other hot surfaces cannot be reached by children or are covered to prevent burns
		A no-smoking policy at all times in your home protects children from environmental tobacco smoke that would linger in fabrics and furnishings. No one has lighters or matches around children
		Trash is covered at all times and is kept away from heaters and other heat sources
		Sharp furniture edges are cushioned with soft material or with commercial corner guards
		Emergency flashlights have batteries and are easily accessible by adult when/if needed
		A combination or direct natural light and regular light is bright enough for good visibility in each room
		No potentially poisonous plants are present either indoors or outdoors in the child care areas
		all adult handbags are stored out of children's reach
		All poisonous or otherwise dangerous items are stored in locked cabinets or out of children's reach. This includes medicines, paints, house cleaning chemicals, mothballs, scissors and any other small sharp objects
		no toys or objects with removable parts with a diameter less than 1 1/4 inches in a length less than 2 inches are accessible to children under the age of 3
		all furnishings are placed in such a way that walkways are clear for emergencies
		a well stocked first aid kit is accessible to all caregivers, but stored out-of-reach if children
		Gloves (non latex) are readily available for diapers changing/first aid/cleaning of bodily fluids

		If guns or weapons are present in the home they are stored according to legal requirements (unloaded, locked/child protected devices and ammunition locked and stored in a different location from gun)
		The house is free of infestation of roaches, bed bugs, fleas, mice, rats and other pests
		Pets: have required immunizations are friendly and clean. No reptiles or amphibians are allowed as pets in child care premises. Fish need no special approval as long as children do not touch the inside of the tank
		Play pens/cribs are in good condition, (clean, no rips)
		Children younger than 6 years old do not have access to bunk beds
		Handrails are securely mounted at a maximum height of 38inches
		Barriers to stairways and latches to doors are in place to secure areas not available for children's use. Stairway gates are locked in place when infants or toddlers are near by. Gates have opening small enough to prevent child's head from fitting through. No accordion type gates are used.
		Stairways and hallways are clear of objects that can cause a fall or restrict stairway use as a entry or exit.
		Trash is stored away from food preparation and storage areas
		Refrigerated medicines are separated from foods and kept in closed containers to prevent spills that would contaminate food or medicine
		Food preparation surfaces are free of cracks, crevices and chips.
		Eating utensils and dishes are clean, free of cracks, chips and are known to be lead-free
		Appliances and sharp or hazardous cooking utensils are stored out of children's reach
		Child-resistive latches are installed on all cabinet doors/drawers with sharp or other dangerous objects inside
		Refrigerator magnets, objects that use button batteries and any other small objects, matches and lighters are out of the reach of young children
		Stable, step stools that have non-porous surfaces are available where needed.
		Electrical outlets have safety covers or are modified with ground-fault outlets to prevent shock
		electrical equipment such as hair dryers, curling irons and electric razors are unplugged when not in use and stored so they are not accessible to children. They are never used near water.
		Potty chairs are not used in the food preparation or dining areas, and potty chairs are not available for children to touch or handle when they are not in use.
		The area for changing diapers or soiled underwear is a separate area away from food and play.

		The diapering area is kept sanitary
		Trash cans for diapers, tissues, and other materials that come in contact with body fluids can be opened in a hands-free manner, are lined with a plastic bag, emptied at least once a day, and kept clean.
		Outdoor areas
		All walkways and outdoor stairways are well-lit.
		Railings and banisters are sound.
		Steps and stairways are kept free from ice and snow.
		All sidewalks and outdoor stairways are free of cracks and missing pieces
		All garbage cans are securely covered.
		The yard and play space are maintained and are clean and safe, and free from: holes, stones, broken glass, nail studded boards, tools, animal waste, broken equipment, and trash.
		Outdoor play areas have shaded areas to protect from the sun.
		here are no attractive climbing hazards (such as trees with low limbs) that are accessible from an object placed underneath them
		There are no ropes, jump ropes, clotheslines, or pet leashes attached to play equipment.
		Platforms and ramps have guardrails.
		Outdoor equipment maximum climbing height point is no more than 3 feet for 3 year olds, 4 feet for 4 year olds, and 5 feet for 5 year olds.
		There are no sharp points or edges on equipment.
		or fixed play equipment used only by children six months to 23 months, a minimum three-foot clearance is needed
		here are no heavy swings or swings made out of wood, metal, or other rigid materials.
		Any see-saws present have a spring centering device for children 2-5 years of age. If see saws are used, there must be a shock absorbing material required to cushion seat impact on surface and the maximum height of the seat above the protective surfacing must not exceed 5 feet.
		All structures are sturdy enough that they will not move or tip over when the weight of an adult is put against them.
		There is no peeling paint.
		Sand is covered when not in use to prevent infectious disease and injury risk when animals and insects get into it.

Hazard to be Fixed / Area to Improve	Person Responsible	Action Needed	Date to be Completed	Date Completed
Example: electrical outlets	homeowner/ provider	Need to be covered with tamper resistant safety covers	In one week (insert date)	today (or insert date)

Inspection completed by: _____

Date: _____

Reason for inspection: _____

