

## HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

Homes must meet the following safety requirements. Indicate compliance status by checking the appropriate box. If out of compliance, state plan and time frame for correction.

Caregiver:	Relationship to foster child:	
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Address:		
Person doing inspection:	Position:	

Persons residing in home:

Name	Age	Relationship to Applicant(s)

А.	RESOURCE FAMILY		Non-	Plan of correction
	RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS	Compliant	compliant	with target date
1.	At least one flush toilet, one wash			
	basin, and one bath or shower			
	with hot and cold running water.			
2.	An operable heating system.			
3.	An operable telephone.			
4.	No unsuitable area such as a hall,			
	stairway, unfinished attic or			
	basement, garage, bathroom,			
	eating area, closet, shed, or			
	detached building may be used as			
	sleeping area for children.			

A.	RESOURCE FAMILY RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS	Compliant	Non- compliant	Plan of correction with target date
5.	Foster children of the opposite sex who are 5 years of age or older may not share the same bedroom.			
6.	Each foster child shall be provided with a clean, comfortable mattress and clean linen, blankets and pillow.			

B.	SAFETY REQUIREMENTS		Non-	Plan of correction
		Compliant	compliant	with target date
1.	Medication and containers of poisonous, caustic, toxic, flammable or other dangerous material kept in the residence shall be distinctly marked or labeled as hazardous and stored in areas inaccessible to children under 5 years of age.			
2.	Emergency phone numbers, including those for fire, police, poison control and ambulance, shall be conspicuously posted adjacent to all telephones.			
3.	Fireplaces, fireplace inserts, wood and coal burning stoves and free- standing space heaters, if allowed by local ordinance, shall be installed, equipped and operated according to manufacturer's specifications and requirements specified by local ordinance.			
	**All above listed operating heating devices must have fire guard or gate to enclose system**			
4.	An operable smoke detector shall be placed on each level of the residence. The detector shall be maintained in operable condition.			

5.	A portable fire extinguisher, suitable for Class B fires, shall be available in the kitchen and other cooking areas. The extinguisher shall be tested yearly or have a gauge to ensure adequate pressure.		
6.	Protective safety caps shall be placed in electrical outlets accessible to children younger than 5 years of age.		
7.	Exposed electrical wires are prohibited.		
8.	Drinking water from an individual water source shall be potable as determined by an annual microbiological test conducted by a laboratory certified by the Department of Environmental Resources.		

C.	ADDITIONAL REQUIRED SAFETY PRACTICES	C	Compliant		Compliant		Compliant		Non- Compliant		int	Plan with a target date
1.	Fire escape plans are posted in the home.											
2.	First aid supplies are in the home.											
3.	All firearms are kept in a locked storage area with ammunition secured in a separate locked area.											
4.	Extension cords are in good repair and used safely.											
5.	Baby gates are used on staircases if the child(ren) are under two years of age.											
6.	Vehicles used in transporting the child(ren) have a valid registration and inspection.											
7.	All persons transporting the child(ren) have a valid driver's license for the class of vehicle they are operating.											

8.	When transporting children under the age of four in a motor vehicle, caregivers insure the child(ren) are placed in a car seat that meets the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and that has been properly installed. For children age four and older, be sure to meet standards set by <u>Pa. Code §</u> <u>102.102.</u>				
9.	Family has auto and homeowner's insurance.				

D.	ADDITIONAL AGENCY REQUIREMENTS	Compliant	Non- compliant	Plan of correction with target date
	An operable Carbon Monoxide detector is located in residence.			
	Family is in compliance with Clean Indoor Air Act. A "no smoking" magnet is placed on refrigerator.			
	Pets in the household do not pose any potential danger. **Dogs and cats have documented vaccination records.**			

Date:	In Compliance	Out of Compliance	Intls.
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If last safety check notes "out of compliance" describe plans for follow up below:

Diakon Worker:	Date:
Supervisor:	Date:
Applicant A:	Date:
Applicant B:	Date: