



## HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

**Foster Home:**

**Homestudy or Re-Assessment Writer:**

**Date:**

Yes	No	N/A	Will Comply	Comply Date	Worker Initials	
<b>HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Designated spaces for informal living, dining, food preparation and storage, separate rooms for sleeping and bathing
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Stable supply of heat provided and maintained to rooms being occupied
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Garbage, refuse, and other wastes disposed of in a way that does not constitute a health hazard
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Mirrors and other wall attachments fixed securely to walls
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Maximum temperature of hot water in bathroom 120 degrees or less
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Steps or railings sturdy, appropriately spaced and in good repair
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Extension cords in good repair
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Electrical outlets covered and not overloaded
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Electrical appliances and cords out of young children's reach
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Radiators, hot water pipes and fireplaces covered
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Exits and stairways gated or secured for infants and young children
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Rugs and other moveable floor coverings safely secured
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Matches and lighters inaccessible to children
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Toys safe, clean, and in good repair
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Crib mobiles out of the reach of young children
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Pot handles placed toward the back of the stove, out of the reach of young children
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Knives, scissors and other sharp instruments kept out of the reach of young children
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Windows, screens, and balcony doors in high-rise apartment buildings secured by safety catches
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Blind and drape cords constructed without loops and kept out of the reach of young children
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Television sets on tables or stands fastened securely
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Unused refrigerators/freezers/stoves stored with doors removed
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Adequate pest control
<b>MEANS OF COMMUNICATION</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Telephone access available (landline or cell to connect to local 911 in emergency)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			List of emergency telephone numbers easily accessible
<b>FIRE SAFETY</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Smoke detectors in working order located on each floor AND in every bedroom in the home.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Carbon monoxide detectors in working order located on each floor of the home.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Written Fire Evacuation Plan established, posted in the home, and regularly reviewed with all family members
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Flashlight(s) in working order, easily accessible in emergency
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Fire extinguisher(s) on every floor and in working order, not less than 2 ½ lbs., for Class B and C fires (fire extinguisher spray can is not acceptable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Exits and hallways well lit and uncluttered
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Fireplace/woodstoves installed as per specification of the local fire department
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Fireplace screens or front guards in use; combustible deposits removed regularly
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Stovepipes cleaned regularly

### SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS

Yes	No	N/A	Will Comply	Comply Date	Worker Initials	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Infant cribs in compliance with government safety standards
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Discussed safe baby sleep for caregivers of infants
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Separate bed for each child that includes mattress, box springs, and bedframe (bunk beds and platform beds are also acceptable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Bedrooms occupied by children do NOT have external door locks
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Bedrooms occupied by children have a window
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Clothing storage space available for child's personal belongings
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			No bedroom is in a building detached from the home, an unfinished attic or unfinished basement, or a stairway hall

### WEAPONS

Yes	No	N/A	Will Comply	Comply Date	Worker Initials	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Weapons of any variety; including firearms, air rifles, bows and arrows, hunting knives and slingshots are made inoperable and locked in a secure gun cabinet or other secure storage facility, not having glass enclosures or doors, when not in use and are inaccessible to children
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Ammunition will be stored and locked in separate location from firearms (i.e. not in same safe or cabinet as firearms)

### MEDICINES AND HAZARDOUS WEAPONS

Yes	No	N/A	Will Comply	Comply Date	Worker Initials	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Medications, including prescriptions, over-the counter medications, and supplements and any other potentially hazardous pharmaceutical substances must be locked and inaccessible to children.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Other potentially hazardous household substances (e.g. bleach, cleaning fluids, pesticides, and hazardous detergents such as laundry pods) are secured in locked cabinet, cupboard, or other locked container and inaccessible to children

<b>SPECIFIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS</b>						
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Will Comply</b>	<b>Comply Date</b>	<b>Worker Initials</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Inform and instruct child about potential danger of certain types of farm equipment, structures, and livestock (where applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Inform and instruct child about water safety and potential danger of specific water hazards i.e. wells, water troughs, lakes, rivers, reservoirs, culverts, tubs, ponds, swimming pools, Jacuzzi tubs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Swimming pools on property are secured with a fence, a locked gate, and a pool safety alarm as required by city/county/state regulations. (refer to Water Hazard/Pool Safety Assessment tool at: <a href="https://www.fenceanddeckconnection.com/docs/BOCA_Codes.pdf">https://www.fenceanddeckconnection.com/docs/BOCA_Codes.pdf</a> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Swimming pools must be equipped with a lifesaving device such as a ring buoy.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Internet adult sites, adult videos, and other such adult materials are inaccessible to children
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Precautions in place to protect children from second-hand smoke
<b>PETS</b>						
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Will Comply</b>	<b>Comply Date</b>	<b>Worker Initials</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Pets are vaccinated in accordance with state and local laws (including vaccinations and frequency required)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			In or on the premises of foster home are kept in a safe and sanitary manner in accordance with state and local laws
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Potentially dangerous situations involving animals discussed and understood
<b>AUTOMOBILE SAFETY</b>						
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Will Comply</b>	<b>Comply Date</b>	<b>Worker Initials</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Automobile in safe operating condition
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Valid Driver's License for each person driving children
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Equipped with child safety seats for infants/young children
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Equipped with booster seats for children, ages 4-8 who are less than 4'9" in height
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Equipped with safety seat belts for each person
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			All safety seats and belts meet standard safety regulations
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Foster parent is licensed driver and copy of license is on file in foster home record
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Foster parents has arranged with other adults with valid license for transportation of child
<b>WATER SOURCE</b>						
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Will Comply</b>	<b>Comply Date</b>	<b>Worker Initials</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Municipal water system

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Well Water – Date of Last Test (must be less than 1 year): Results:
<b>NON-COMPLIANCE</b>						
Comment on areas of non-compliance, reasons for non-compliance, and describe a safety plan addressing supervision and compliance within the timeframe guidelines noted on this checklist.						

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 Foster Parent Signature

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 Print Name

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 Date

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 Foster Parent Signature

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 Print Name

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 Date

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 Agency Homestudy Writer's or Foster Home  
 Support Person's Signature

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 Print Name

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 Date