![MCj04039650000[1]]() **SAFETY CHECK LIST**

This check list will help get your physical home ready for your home visit. Look around your home with an eye toward safety and answer the questions below. If you answer no, you may wish to fix the issue before your home visit or talk to your licensing worker about how to address the problem.

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| **IS YOUR HOME FIRE SAFE?** | **Yes** | **No** |
| One fully charged 2A:10BC dry chemical fire extinguisher on each level of the home | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| Each bedroom in the home has a working smoke detector (battery or AC powered) with at least one smoke detector on each level of the home.  | \_\_\_\_  | \_\_\_\_ |
| My home has a working carbon monoxide detector – one within each sleeping area, or no more than three feet from the entrance to sleeping area on all levels. \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ |
| If children are allowed to play in the basement, there is a direct escape to the outside. | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| No accumulated combustible materials around the house or yard (for example, no rags, papers, or gas piled up in the garage or in the yard) | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| Flammable liquids are stored in appropriate containers. | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| There are no lighters, matches or fire starting materials accessible to children.  | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| Each bedroom room has fully openable window (5.7 sq.ft. net openable space) for emergency escape to outside.  | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| There are at least two means of emergency escape out of the home which exit directly to the outside. At least one is a door. If a window is used for second exit, it needs to meet the openable space requirement of 5.7 square feet.  | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| My home’s exits are free and clear of obstructions.  | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| I have a plan for monthly fire drills with children and a way to keep a record of the drills. | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |

**HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE HOME**

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| Our water comes from a community water supply OR our water comes from well water that has been tested for coliform. | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| Garbage is stored in containers with tight lids. | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| The place we prepare food is clean and has sanitary facilities for food preparation and clean up. Food is properly stored. | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| The hot water temperature is no more than 120 degrees but at least 100 degrees.  | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| Medicines, cleansers and chemicals are inaccessible to children and are kept in locked areas or out or reach of children. | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| Our home has sanitary toileting facilities. | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| If I’m taking infants and toddlers, I have safe and sanitary equipment and supplies for diapering and toileting and a place to wash hands. | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| If I am reusing bottles, I have a system to sanitize bottles, nipples and caps either in the dishwasher or boiling them for 5 minutes | \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ |
| **HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE HOME Continued**The furniture and equipment for the children in my home is safe, durable and in good repair.  | **YES** \_\_\_\_ | **NO**\_\_\_\_ |
| There is no smoking in the shared living space of my home. Children are protected from second hand smoke in both my home and in any vehicles we are in.  | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| If I own firearms, they are unloaded and stored and are inaccessible to children, such as in a locked gun cabinet. My ammunition is also stored separately from firearms and inaccessible to children. | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| Baby walkers are not used for children in the home. | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| If I have children younger than five years of age in my home, I have covered outlets with child proof cover caps. | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |

My home contains the following emergency supplies:

 Disaster Kit: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

* One flashlight & batteries;
* One battery-operated radio & batteries;
* Potable water;
* Nonperishable food; and
* Blankets

First Aid Kit: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

* + disposable nonporous, nonlatex gloves;
	+ sealed packages of alcohol wipes or antiseptic for thermometer

cleaning only;

* + scissors;
	+ tweezers;
	+ a thermometer;
	+ adhesive bandages;
	+ bandage tape;
	+ sterile gauze pads;
	+ flexible roller gauze;
	+ triangular bandages;
	+ safety pins;
	+ an eye dressing;
	+ a note pad with a pen or pencil;
	+ a cold pack;
	+ a current American Academy of Pediatrics or American Red Cross

standard first aid text or equivalent first aid guide;

* + the telephone number for the poison control center;
	+ potable water;
	+ splints, including small child-size splints if children are in care;
	+ soap; and
	+ a working flashlight.

First Aid Kit for Outings: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

* + disposable nonporous, nonlatex gloves;
	+ tweezers;
	+ adhesive bandages;
	+ bandage tape;
	+ sterile gauze pads;
	+ a cold pack; and
	+ potable water.

**SPACE AND EQUIPMENT**

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| There is clearly defined and adequate space for each child’s clothing and personal possessions. | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| There is adequate place for a child both inside and around the house for living and playing based on the child’s age. | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| There are enough toys, games, and equipment for the age of the children I am taking into my home. These are stored properly and are developmentally appropriate. | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| I have a telephone or a message phone where I can be reached. | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| Each child has their own bed or crib. (Exception, young children of the same sex can share a double bed.) There is adequate bedding and sleeping space for each child. | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| Pets are well taken care of and eating and toileting areas are kept clean. Pets do not have a history of biting or being aggressive with children.  | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| If we are taking young children, there is a safety gate at the top of all stairways. |  |  |
| If I am taking children who are under four years of age or under forty pounds, I have the appropriate car seats and I know how to properly install them. | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |
| For older children, I have working seat belts and/or booster seats in my vehicle.  | \_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ |

***Still have questions about your home***? Write them down here to discuss with your Licensing Worker: