

Safety Checklist

Use this checklist to inspect your home or child care facility.

Kitchen

- | Yes | No | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Spilled liquids are mopped up right away. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | When pots and pans are on the stove, their handles are turned inward. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Knives, scissors, and sharp objects are kept safely out of children's reach. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The stepstool is strong and in good condition. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cleaning products, insecticides, and matches are kept safely out of children's reach. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dishwasher detergents are kept out of children's reach and are wiped up if they are spilled. |

Halls and Stairs

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Halls and stairs are well lit. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Stair carpeting or tread covers are tacked down securely. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Scatter rugs have non-skid material or padding underneath them. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is a gate at the top of the stairs to protect young children. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Stair treads are in good repair (all of them—basement, back porch, etc.). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are no toys, clutter, etc. in hallways and staircases. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is a light switch at the end of each hallway and staircase. |

Living Room

- | Yes | No | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Scatter rugs are either tacked down or have non-skid material underneath them. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Furniture is in good repair. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Footstools and small tables do not block traffic paths. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Electric cords do not trail. |

Bedrooms

- | Yes | No | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The window screens are strong and fastened securely. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Children cannot climb over balcony railings or fall through them. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Babies and young children cannot fall out of bed. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mattresses for infants are flat and firm. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cosmetics are put away in a drawer or cabinet. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Clothing and shoes are put away in the closet. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Medicines are kept safely out of children's reach. |

Bathroom

- | Yes | No | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Medicines are in a locked cupboard out of children's reach. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Medicines are clearly labelled and firmly capped. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Soap is out of toddler's reach. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Used razor blades are disposed of safely. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | All electrical outlets in the bathroom are circuit protected. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The bath mat is non-skid. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is non-skid material on the bottom of the bathtub and/or shower. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | No child is ever left in the bathtub alone. |

Basement and Laundry Room

- | Yes | No | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Children are kept away from the hot water tank and washing machine. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Washing powders and bleach are kept out of children's reach. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Paints, solvent, varnishes, and garden sprays are kept in a cool, dry place out of children's reach. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The furnace, pipes, and chimneys are frequently inspected and cleaned. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tools are stored safely, out of children's reach. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The doors and catches of unused refrigerators or freezers have been removed. |

Garage, Porch, Yard

- | Yes | No | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are no toys or clutter on sidewalks and driveways. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Steps and walks are well lit. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Garden tools and fertilizers are safely stored out of children's reach. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are no oily rags lying around the garage. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Snow and ice are cleared away from steps and walks. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The garage doors are always opened before the car is started. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | When the car is not moving, the emergency brake is always used. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | When the car is not being used, the keys are removed from the ignition. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | When the car is not being used, the doors are locked. |

General

- | Yes | No | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | All plants are harmless to children. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cords on blinds are out of children's reach. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Emergency numbers are posted near the phone. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Everyone in the building can see and understand the escape plan. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pet food is kept away from children. |

Street Safety Checklist (for child care facilities)

Does the school-aged child need supervision to:

- | Yes | No | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Walk to and from school? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Use a public playground? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ride a bike, use a skateboard, use in-line skates, etc.? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other? |

(If the answer to any of these questions is "no," ask parents to provide written permission.)

Is the school-aged child allowed to:

- | Yes | No | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ride a bike? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Use a skateboard? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Use in-line skates? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other? |

(If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," ask parents to provide proper safety equipment and written permission.)

Has the school-aged child taken a course in:

- | Yes | No | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Street safety? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bike safety? |