



CHILDREN'S ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION OF LICENSED RESOURCES

Foster Home Inspection Checklist

APPLICANT / PROVIDER NAME		TELEPHONE NUMBER	INSPECTION DATE
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE WA	ZIP CODE
Place appropriate CODE in the space provided. C = Rule is met X = Rule is not met D = Discussed with foster parent W = Exception granted N/A = Not applicable			
Health and Safety		Comments / Notes / Corrections	
1440	<input type="checkbox"/> Facility is clean, sanitary, and free of hazards including window blind cords. <input type="checkbox"/> Home has adequate ventilation. <input type="checkbox"/> Light fixtures provide children good visibility and comfort. <input type="checkbox"/> Room temperatures at reasonable levels. <input type="checkbox"/> Premises are free from pests. <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic materials are out of reach of children and separated from food items <input type="checkbox"/> Home has adequate laundry and drying facilities or makes other arrangements on a regular basis. <input type="checkbox"/> Easy access to the outside in case of an emergency. <input type="checkbox"/> All doors open easily from the inside and outside. <input type="checkbox"/> Supervision plan is in place if hazardous conditions exist.		
1445	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewage is discharged into a public or functioning system or into a DOH and/or tribal approved alternate system. <input type="checkbox"/> Water is from public system or approved private supply. <input type="checkbox"/> Water temperature does not exceed 120 degrees.		
1450	<input type="checkbox"/> Disinfect diaper-changing areas and toilet-training equipment between each use or use disposable covering. <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical outlets are tamper-proof if needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Access to working telephone at all times when children are present in the home. <input type="checkbox"/> Address is clearly visible and location is accessible. <input type="checkbox"/> Poison control number is posted on or near telephone. <input type="checkbox"/> Wheeled baby walkers will not be used.		
1455	<input type="checkbox"/> Pools or other bodies of water are fenced with locking gate or other DLR approved safety device. <input type="checkbox"/> Hot tubs locked when not in use. <input type="checkbox"/> A supervision plan is in place when the home has a pool or bodies of water.		
1460	<input type="checkbox"/> Family conducts at least quarterly fire drills with children. <input type="checkbox"/> Family has emergency supplies of food, water, medication, and other necessary supplies. <input type="checkbox"/> Family has a written evacuation plan for the home.		
1480	<input type="checkbox"/> Pets and animals are safe and cared for in a sanitary manner. <input type="checkbox"/> Complies with local, state, or federal regulations regarding: animal safety, vaccinations, and standard veterinary care.		
1485	<input type="checkbox"/> Alcoholic beverages and marijuana are inaccessible.		

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1495 ___ Smoking is prohibited in all living spaces and in car with children.		
1500 ___ Guns and ammunition are inaccessible to children and must be kept in locked containers with guns and ammunition locked separately, unless stored in a locked gun safe. Describe weapons and location.		
___ Bows and arrows and other weapons must be stored in locked containers out of reach of children.		
___ Guns stored in an easily breakable container, must have a locked cable or chain placed through the trigger guards.		
___ Keep keys to locked storage area of weapons secure from children.		
1510 ___ Family vehicles have seatbelts. All drivers have a current Washington State license (exceptions for military) and insurance.		
___ Family has car seats, booster seats, and/or other safety devices for all passengers.		
1520 ___ Age appropriate furnishings and activities for children under care.		
1540 (2)(3) ___ Electronic monitoring is prohibited, unless approved by the DLR administrator, DSHS worker, and court as required in (2) or it meets those items that are excluded in (3).		
Fire Safety	Comments / Notes / Corrections	
1465 ___ Multi-level homes must have escape from upper floor.		
___ Bedroom windows for children in care are large enough for emergency rescue, unless approved by the local fire marshal or building official.		
___ Easy access to all rooms in case of emergency.		
___ Smoke detectors are in good working condition inside and outside of all sleeping areas. Smoke detectors must also be on each story of the home, in all play areas and the basement.		
___ Home has at least one working 2A10BC-rated 5lb. or larger ABC fire extinguisher.		
___ Fireplaces, wood stoves, heating systems have barriers for under age six (6).		
Bedrooms	Comments / Notes / Corrections	
1470 ___ Room has adequate privacy and floor space for safety and comfort.		
___ Bedrooms must have unrestricted direct access to outdoors as well as direct access to common areas.		
___ Each child has an appropriately sized separate bed with clean bedding, and a mattress in good condition.		
___ Provide waterproof mattress covers or moisture-resistant mattresses, if needed. Each child's pillow must be covered with waterproof material or be washable.		
___ Crib must have no more than 2 3/8 inches between slats.		
___ Cribs or infant beds used for sleeping have waterproof mattress materials.		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Loose blankets, crib bumpers, stuffed toys, pillows not placed in cribs with infants. <input type="checkbox"/> Infants are placed on their backs for sleeping. <input type="checkbox"/> Swaddled infants must use one lightweight blanket upon advice from a licensed health care professional (LHCP). Swaddling may be used on infants under two months, unless directed otherwise by LHCP. Swaddled infants must have the blanket loose around the hips and legs, and in a manner that does not allow them to overheat. <input type="checkbox"/> Wedges and positioners are not used with a sleeping infant, unless advised differently by a LHC. <input type="checkbox"/> Weighted blankets cannot be used with children under the age of 3 years or that have mobility limitations. The weighted blanket cannot exceed 10% of the child's body weight, use metal beads or other choking hazards, be used above the middle of the child's chest, hinder a child's movement, or be used as a restraint. <input type="checkbox"/> Upper bunks not used by anyone who might be endangered. 		
<p>1475</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Children six (6) years and older do not share bedroom with opposite gender. <input type="checkbox"/> 80 square feet if parent and his / her infant share bedroom. <input type="checkbox"/> Only one parent and infant(s) per bedroom. <input type="checkbox"/> No more than four (4) children per bedroom. <input type="checkbox"/> Child one (1) year and older does not share bedroom with an adult that is not the child's parent unless MD recommends. <input type="checkbox"/> Extended foster care youth may share a bedroom with a younger child of the same gender. If the younger child is unrelated, the youth must be at least 10 years of age; exceptions can be made if in the best interest of the child. 		
Immunizations / Medical Care / Medications	Comments / Notes / Corrections	
<p>1320</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Foster parents must show proof of their own children's current immunizations. These documents are to be viewed by the licensor and returned to the foster parent, not placed in the file. If an exemption is being used for a child the DSHS 15-455 must be placed in the file. <input type="checkbox"/> Pertussis immunizations for all household members if taking placements of children under age two. <input type="checkbox"/> Influenza immunizations for all household members if taking placements of children under age two. If a household member meets the criteria for an exemption the DSHS 10-565 must be in the file. 		
<p>1550</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> First aid supplies are on hand. 		
<p>1565</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All medications are in locked storage with pet medications separate from human medications and external medications separate from internal. 		
<p>1575</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription medications given to foster children recorded. <input type="checkbox"/> Medications are given only according to prescription labels. 		

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Food / Diet		Comments / Notes / Corrections	
1440	<input type="checkbox"/> Home must meet acceptable health standards for the storage and preparation of food.		
1520	<input type="checkbox"/> Food served to children and infants meets needs of the children.		
Qualifications / Training		Comments / Notes / Corrections	
1320	<input type="checkbox"/> TB test completed for all caregivers / licensees and other adults in the home over age 18 including foster parent's own teens turning 18.		
1365	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicants are at least 21 years of age.		
1375	<input type="checkbox"/> Attended Orientation and Pre-Service: date		
	<input type="checkbox"/> All caregivers have First Aid/CPR: training expires		
	<input type="checkbox"/> CPR training is appropriate to the age range of children on the license: training for ages		
	<input type="checkbox"/> All caregivers have HIV / AIDS training.		
Signatures			
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE		LICENSOR'S SIGNATURE	
DATE		DATE	

Additional items to discuss with the Foster Parent:

- Adequate handrails and ramps
- Operating emergency lighting available.
- Toilet and bathing facilities allow privacy for child five (5) years and older.
- Toddlers have potty chairs and toilet training equipment.
- Bathing facilities have grab bars or non-skid pads.