

## Required Home Safety Checklist 2011

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#### KITCHEN AND BATHROOM SAFETY:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. | Household cleaning products, insecticides and poisons are stored in their original containers, either in high cupboards or in locked areas.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. | Medicines and non-prescriptions (including vitamins) are stored out of children's reach in the original containers. Prescription and non-prescription medication for children in care must be kept in the original container. A written authorization for the medicine is on file, signed by parent(s) and dated for each administered dose. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Where are medicines and vitamins stored?</li></ul>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. | Cabinets that contain any potentially harmful or dangerous items that are within a child's reach have safety latches or locks on the cabinet doors.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. | Knives and other sharp objects are kept out of children's reach. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Where are knives and sharp objects stored?</li></ul>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. | To minimize risk of burns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keep hot liquids, foods, and cooking utensils out of a child's reach.</li><li>• Place hot liquids and food away from the edge of the table.</li><li>• Cook on back burners when possible and turn pot handles toward the center of the stove.</li><li>• Avoid using tablecloths and placemats that can be yanked off, spilling hot liquids or food.</li><li>• Keep high chairs and stools away from stove.</li><li>• Do not keep snacks near stove.</li><li>• Store cooking oils away from stove (not in cupboards over the stove).</li></ul> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. | Your home's hot water is adjusted to 120 degrees or less to prevent tap water scalds. Water temperature can be tested with a thermometer.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. | All foods, plastic bags (including balloons) and small items that children can choke on are kept out of children's reach. Test toys for size with a toilet-paper roll (if it fits inside the roll, it can choke a small child). <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Where are plastic bags, balloons and small items stored?</li></ul>   |

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8. Solid food is cut into small pieces for infants and toddlers to prevent choking.
9. A sink with hot and cold running water is close to diapering and toileting areas. If the kitchen sink is used for hand washing after toileting, the sink and faucets are disinfected after each use.
10. Children are never left unattended on the changing table.

**THROUGHOUT THE HOME:**

11. Flammable or combustible materials shall be in properly marked containers and stored in areas inaccessible to children.
- Where are flammable and combustible substances stored?
12. Toys are free from loose parts, sharp edges or points and long cords.
13. Gates are used at the top and bottom of the stairs when toddlers are present. (Do not use accordion-style gates with wide spaces at the top. They can cause strangulation, if a child's head becomes entrapped).
- If gates are used in the home, please list where and why.
14. Children's clothing is checked for cords and drawstrings that may cause strangulation.
15. Toy chests either have a lightweight lid, no lid, or a safe-closing mechanism.
16. Windows have screens that are secure.
17. A working telephone is on the premises.
18. Emergency telephone numbers are near or on the phone. Include numbers for the EMS system, police, fire department, local hospital or physician, poison control, your own phone number, your emergency back-up's phone number and the numbers of the parent's home and work.
19. Poisonous plants are placed out of a child's reach. (For a list, call Madison Poison Control Center, at 800-222-1222.) Identify plants accessible to children. Remember to include outdoor garden plants.

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20. Plastic outlet plugs or outlet covers are installed on all electrical outlets.
21. Break-away safety devices are installed on all window blind cords and cords are kept up out of reach of children. Cribs are never positioned near or beneath a window.
22. If firearms are stored on the premises, they are locked and inaccessible to children. Store guns individually locked and unloaded and store ammunition in a separate place.
- Where are firearms and ammunition stored?

**NAP AREAS:**

23. Infants up to one year of age are placed on their backs to sleep.
24. The crib is safe.
- a. Crib mattress fits snugly with no more than two fingers breadth between the mattress and crib railing.
- b. Soft fluffy bedding, bumper pads, positioning devices (such as wedges), heavy blankets, and stuffed toys are removed from the baby's sleeping area.
- c. Sleeping babies are checked to see that each baby's head and face remain uncovered during sleep.
- d. The distance between crib slats is less than 2-3/8 inches (so infant's head doesn't get caught).
- e. Sides of infant cribs are in locked position when in use.
- f. Cribs are cleaned and disinfected regularly.

**FIRE SAFETY:**

25. Electrical appliances (toaster, hairdryer, space heater, coffee pot, etc.) are unplugged or turned off.
26. Ensure that there are two unobstructed exits on each floor.
- Identify your exits.
27. All wood burning stoves are inspected yearly and vented properly. Stoves are inaccessible to children.

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28. Fireplace hearths have protective covering on hard or sharp edges.
29. Smoke detectors are installed and maintained in operating condition on each level of the home and in sleeping/napping areas.
- a. Smoke detectors are tested monthly, and this testing is noted in a log
- b. Batteries are replaced twice a year. The dates for the current year are:  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_
30. A working fire extinguisher, with a minimum rating of 2A - 10 BC, is present in the home and inspected yearly.
- a. Where is your working fire extinguisher?
- b. What is the date of its most recent inspection?
31. Smoking is prohibited on the premises during child care hours. If smoking occurs outside of child care hours, cigarette butts and matches are safely disposed of.
32. All space heaters are approved, in safe condition, out of children's reach, placed at least three feet from curtains, papers, and furniture, and have protective covers.
33. Electrical cords are not frayed or overloaded, and are placed out of children's reach.

**EMERGENCY PRACTICES:**

34. A first aid kit containing the following materials is readily available indoors, outdoors, and on field trips: Disposable gloves, wipes, plastic bags, band aids, sterile gauze, first aid tape, scissors, and thermometer.
- Where is your first aid kit stored?
35. Provider must have planned emergency practices (i.e. tornado, fire evacuation) that are practiced monthly, with the dates and times noted in a log.
- a. Explain your emergency practices for tornadoes.

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b. Explain your emergency practices for fire evacuations.

**CAR SAFETY:**

36. Children less than 12 years old ride in the BACK seat with appropriate child restraints or lap-shoulder restraints.

37. Rear-facing infant safety seats are used until infants weigh at least 20 pounds and are one year old.

a. All car seats are secured in the BACK seat of the car.

b. Seats are secured following the manufacturer's instructions.

c. Test for tightness by pushing the seat forward, backward, and side-to-side. Tighten the belt to ensure that the seat does not move more than ½ inch (1 cm).

d. For proper adjustment, the seat belt buckle and latch plate (if needed) must be located well below the frame or toward the center of the seat.

38. All children under 40 pounds use car seats during auto travel.

39. All children 40-80 lb and less than 4'9: use booster seats and seat belts during auto travel.

40. Children are never left unattended in a car.

**OUTDOOR AREA:**

41. Garden tools and lawn equipment, pesticides and herbicides are safely stored, out of reach of children.

c. Where do you store garden, lawn equipment, gasoline, and grill lighter fluid?

42. Playground equipment is assembled and anchored correctly according to manufacturer's instructions and equipment is free from breaks, rust and splinters.

43. Cushioning materials (i.e grass, mats, wood chips, or sand) are used under climbing equipment, slides, and swings according to Wisconsin State Licensing's recommended guidelines for depth.

44. If children have access to your garage, it is properly child-proofed?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 45. The yard is checked and cleared daily of any animal waste.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 46. With the exception of wading pools (see below), children do not have access to any bodies of water during hours of care, such as in-ground pools, on-ground swimming pools with rigid sides, hot tubs, ponds, lakes, or irrigation ditches. A permanent barrier or other measure prevents children from gaining access to these areas. |
|                          |                          |                          |                          | 47. If wading pools are used:  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. The water is changed and the pool is disinfected daily.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. If children in diapers use the pool, it is sanitized before others use it.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. Pools are supervised by sight and sound at all times.   |

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