



## Safety Checklist

Think about your child care setting and then respond to these observations. Write YES or NO next to each item. Then go back and circle all “no” answers for immediate attention.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ All areas of the room are visible from all angles of care.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Traffic pathways are clear and unobstructed.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ All electrical outlets are covered.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Loose electrical cords are secured.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ There are no blinds or window coverings with long cords.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ All mirrors are shatterproof.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ There are gates in front of stairwells.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ There are no easily breakable items within a child’s reach.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ There are no poisonous or dangerous plants within a child’s reach.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ There are no thumb tacks or push pins used where children have access to them.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Medicines and cleaning supplies are kept in locked storage and are kept in their originally labeled containers.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ The temperature of hot water that is accessible to children is properly set.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ All equipment meets consumer safety standards.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Furnishings or interior structures are free of sharp corners.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ All feeding chairs have wide bases for stability.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ Shelving and locker units are wide-based to prevent tipping.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ Heavy toys are safely stored so children cannot pull them down on themselves and risk injury.
  
18. \_\_\_\_\_ There are no toy chests with heavy lids to fall on children.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ The carpeting is padded to cushion falls.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ Rugs and carpets are free from curled-up edges or corners that may be trip hazards.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency numbers and Emergency exit plans are posted.
22. \_\_\_\_\_ Basic first aid equipment is available and easily accessible.
23. \_\_\_\_\_ Smoke detectors are in working order and checked on a regular basis.
24. \_\_\_\_\_ Facilities are generally well-maintained- no peeling paint, plumbing leaks, tears in screens, Cracked doors, etc.
25. \_\_\_\_\_ Choking hazards removed (items measuring less than 1-1/4 inch and 2-1/2 inches long, or spheres less than 13/4 inches in diameter).
  
26. \_\_\_\_\_ Crib slats are no more than 2 3/8” apart, and crib corner posts are flush with end panels or no more than 1/16” higher than end panels.
27. \_\_\_\_\_ Locks on sides of cribs are in good condition and able to be locked in the up position when the crib is in use.
28. \_\_\_\_\_ Crib mattresses are firm and fit snugly in the crib.
29. \_\_\_\_\_ There are no pillows, comforters, or soft bedding that could be a suffocation hazard in the cribs.
30. \_\_\_\_\_ Safety belts for high chairs are in good repair.
31. \_\_\_\_\_ All plastic bags removed from the classroom.