



CASA Safety Checklist for All Children

Yes, No, N/A

POISONS

_____ 1. Are dangerous/poisonous items kept out of child's reach? (i.e. Medicines, lighters, matches, dye, bleach, poisons, cleaners, mothballs, motor oil, antifreeze)

Fire Hazard

_____ 2. Are utilities obtained legally?

_____ 3. If electricity/gas are off, is the means of heating and lighting safe? (i.e. candles should not be near curtains, no open flames.)

_____ 4. If heating with fireplace, wood heaters, etc. Is there a protective barrier between the heater and the child? (i.e. gate, screen guard, etc.?)

_____ 5. Is there a safe place for the child to be while the parent is cooking or unable to give the child their full attention? (i.e. playpen, crib, high chair)

_____ 6. Are the electrical cords/plugs in good condition? (i.e. no loose wires coming out of the wall or the cord)

_____ 7. Are electrical outlet covers on all plugs not in use?

_____ 8. Is there a fire extinguisher in the home? If so is it in good working condition? Has it been inspected and is it up to code?

_____ 9. Is there a working smoke alarm in the home? (test it)

_____ 10. Is the temperature of the hot water heater between 120 and 130 degrees Fahrenheit?

DROWNING HAZARDS

_____ 11. Is there constant supervision while the child is bathing or near water?

_____ 12. Are the toilet seats kept down and do sinks and tubs drain properly to prevent unwanted collections of water? (Child can drown in less than 2 inches of water)

_____ 13. If mop buckets are used in the home, are they emptied and stored away after uses?

_____ 14. If home has a pool, is the pool properly safeguarded with a fence and life saving devices?



FIREARM HAZARDS

_____ 15. If guns are in the home, are they locked away from children?

_____ 16. Is ammunition kept in a separate place from the firearms and is it locked away or out of child's reach?

CAR SAFETY

_____ 17. Does the child have a car seat? (A child should use a safety seat at least until the age of five (5) and if a child weighs more than 20 lbs, he should face forward in the automobile.)

_____ 18. Does Safety Belts work?

_____ 19. Enough seating for children?

_____ 20. Are there windows in the car?

_____ 21. Valid car tags and registration?

_____ 22. Car Insurance and valid Driver's License?

GENERAL SAFETY

_____ 23. Does the child a safe and secure sleeping space? (Children have suffocated when sleeping with adults; they have fallen off adult beds and sofas and have become lodged between the wall and the bed.)

_____ 24. Is the home free of rat or roach infestations? (Both carry disease which can be harmful to adults and children.)

_____ 25. Are the kitchen knives stored out of children's reach?

_____ 26. Is there a caretaker able to provide supervision if the parent has to leave the home for any amount of time? (Children should not be left without proper supervision.)

_____ 27. Is the inside of the home free of any hazardous debris? (Undisposed trash cans, bottles, etc.)

_____ 28. Is the outside of the home free of any hazardous debris? (Undisposed trash, cans, bottles, exposed rusty nails, tall grass and weeds, car parts, etc.)

Date _____

Volunteer _____ **Parent or Caretaker** _____

This checklist should be discussed with the parent or caretaker of all children during all home visits. It should be signed by the Volunteer and the parent or caretaker. A copy of the form should be left with the parent or caretaker.