

SAFETY CHECKLIST

GENERAL INDOOR AREAS

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guns, projectile toys, darts, and cap pistols are not kept in the childcare setting.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floors are smooth and are not slippery. Rugs are skid-proof.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No smoking is allowed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stairways are carpeted and have a child-height railing on the right side.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stairway gates are locked in place when infants or toddlers are present.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gates should have openings small enough to prevent a child's head from fitting through. No accordion-type gates are used.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Safety glass is used in all areas of potential impact.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caregivers can easily monitor all entrances and exits to keep out strangers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smoke alarms are installed and working.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is a cordless telephone on premises.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No peeling paint is visible; no lead-based paint is used.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A video is stored in all VCR's players, so as not to invite fingers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electrical sockets are high and out of reach, or securely covered.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Garbage cans are covered and secured away from heat sources.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No dangling or covered electrical extension cords are present.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pacifiers with strings longer than six inches are not allowed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children are never left alone in high chairs, chairs, or on changing table.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Infant walkers are not present or used.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All hardware on cribs, tables and bookcases is checked monthly for loose screws or bolts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medications and cleaning solutions are never kept in the classroom or playroom.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refrigerated medication is stored out of children's reach and away from food.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chairs or tables are not used as ladders to hang items.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walkways are clear between sleeping cots.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lighting is adequate in all rooms.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No sharp corners are exposed on furniture or fire places.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toys are safe, with no sharp areas, pinch points or small parts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temperature of tap water for hand washing is maintained at 120 degrees F. or less.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Freestanding space heaters are not used.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children cannot reach hot surfaces, hot pipes, heaters, vents or wood burning stoves.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accessible above-ground-level windows are protected with adequate grills or screens.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glass doors and full length windows have decals on them that are at eye level for both children and adults.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pets are free from disease, are immunized as appropriate and are sanitarly maintained.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pesticides are applied only to surfaces that children cannot reach and surfaces not in direct contact with food.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children are never left alone in infant seats on any high surface.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heavy equipment or furniture that may tip over is anchored securely.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A well-stocked first aid kit is accessible to caregiver, but not to children.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sewing basket with pins, needles, and scissors out of reach.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fireplace screen in place and gas key out of reach.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Purses and diaper bags out of reach.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pens and pencils out of reach.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	TV, stereo components, computers secured to prevent being tipped.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Two piece, rubber tipped door stops are replaced with 1 piece type.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chest of drawers are kept closed to avoid being used as steps and tipping over.

TOYS AND EQUIPMENT

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toys and play equipment have no sharp edges or points, small parts, pinch points, chipped paint, splinters, or loose nuts or bolts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All toys are painted with lead-free paint.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toys are put away when not in use.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toys that are mouthed are washed after each use.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children are not permitted to play with any type of plastic bag or balloon.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toys are age appropriate. Nothing too small which could cause choking. No coins, marbles, safety pins, small legos for children under 4 years old. Foods that could cause choking are not served such as hot dogs, hard candy, seeds, nuts, popcorn, whole grapes and olives.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toy chests have air holes and a lid support or have no lid. A lid that slams shut can cause head or finger injuries or suffocation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shooting or projectile toys are not present.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial art materials are stored in their original containers out of children's reach. The word non-toxic appears on the manufacturer's label.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use of scissors is supervised.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rugs, curtains, pillows, blankets, and cloth toys are flame resistant.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toys are not hung across the cribs of infants who cannot sit up. Rattles, pacifiers, or other objects are never hung around an infant's neck.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cribs have slats placed 2 1/8" apart or less and have snug-fitting mattresses. Mattresses are set at their lowest settings and sides are locked at their highest setting.

KITCHEN / FOOD PREPARATION AND STORAGE AREAS

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caregivers always wash hands before handling food.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caregivers always wash children's hands before mealtimes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sharp utensils are kept out of reach of children.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All containers are clearly marked and have tight lids.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire extinguishers are easily accessible and charged.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pest strips are not used.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refrigerated medicines are kept in closed containers to prevent spills that would contaminate food.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Items on shelving units, such as cans of food, are neatly organized, secured, and not piled high.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Separate sinks are used for hand washing and food preparation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hot foods are kept hot, cold foods cold.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Five gallon buckets or pet bowls are not accessible to children.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pot handles are turned toward the back of stove. Hot foods and liquids are kept out of children's reach.

BATHROOMS

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cleaning supplies and medicines are not accessible.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toilets and sinks are appropriate for use by children; sturdy step stools are provided.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water temperature for hand washing is maintained at 120 degrees F or less.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floors, bathtubs, and throw rugs are nonskid.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toilet paper is located where children can reach it without getting off toilet.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Potty chairs cannot be reached by children when they are not in use.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Potty chairs are cleaned after each use.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caregivers and children always wash their hands after toileting and diaper changing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cosmetics and medicines are stored out of children's reach.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children are never left unsupervised in or near water.

OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equipment is checked weekly for sharp protrusions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bolts are covered; swings have soft seats.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ground beneath play equipment is covered with impact-absorbing material; i.e., sand, wood chips, pea gravel or a commercial product.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Play area is fenced; gate has safety locks.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equipment is age-appropriate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slides are enclosed or have handrails.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Only one child at a time uses the equipment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No spaces where a child's head, leg, or arm could be trapped (3 1/2 to 9")
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Constant supervision is provided.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No poisonous plants, trash, or sharp objects in or around the play area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ropes or clothes lines out of reach.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sandboxes are kept covered when not in use.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drinking water and first aid kit are easily accessible.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stacked wood or other climbing apparatus away from fence.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deck or balcony railed and guarded.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Swing sets anchored firmly and underground.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Garden tools and insecticides in locked storage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family pets are current with all vaccinations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bar-B-Ques are covered and not used when children are present.

SWIMMING POOLS

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All pools and ponds are enclosed with four-sided fencing that is resistant to climbing, is at least five feet high, comes within 3 1/2 inches of the ground, and has openings no greater than 3 1/2 inches.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fence openings have self-closing latching gates with the latch at least 55 inches from the ground.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walk areas around the pool has a nonskid surface.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The pool and pool maintenance has been inspected and approved by the local health department within the past year.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Small, portable wading pools are not used for group water play.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equipment is available and used every two hours while children are in the water to test and maintain the pH of the water between 7.2 and 8.2.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water temperatures are maintained between 82 and 93 degrees F. while the pool is in use.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A well stocked (not just Band-Aids) first aid kit is available. First aid kits are always taken on field trips, along with Medical Treatment Release forms for each child.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family childcare providers and Center teachers are currently trained in First Aid and CPR as mandated by AB 243.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children are taught safety and emergency procedures. Drills are held monthly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smoke detectors and other alarms work.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There are two exits from each room, clearly posted and new staff are educated.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency procedures and telephone numbers are clearly posted by all telephones.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency supplies are in one container with wheels, easily accessed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Each child has their own supplies
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All exits are free of clutter and clearly marked.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency contact information is up-to-date.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All doors and gates open out for easy exit.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children are taught to tell if they or anyone else is hurt.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children are taught the words "stop" and "No". Caregivers avoid using those words unless there is danger.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children are taught their own telephone number, address, and parent's work numbers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children are taught how to telephone EMS (9-1-1).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children are taught how to "STOP, DROP, ROLL, COOL in case their clothes catch fire.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children are taught to turn in any matches they find to an adult.

VEHICLES

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All vehicles in excellent running condition, free from hazards.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All occupants have appropriate restraints; i.e., seat belts, car seats.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drivers use child-resistant door locks.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A well stocked first aid kit is in the vehicle. Current medical authorization forms for each child carried in vehicle.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Driver knows where children are before putting vehicle in reverse.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children do not scream, or horse around while riding in vehicle.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trip plans include how to manage emergencies, and the driver has a map of destination for field trip