



FOSTER CARE HOME SAFETY CHECK

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
DATE OF CHECK:	CHECKED BY:
CURRENT CHYPS CHECK YES NO	CURRENT POLICE CHECK YES NO
FISRT AID CERTIFICATE YES NO	WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE YES NO

Photo disclaimer

I **consent / do not consent** (please circle one) to Marymead staff taking photos of my home and property during the home safety check.

Photos are taken to maintain accurate records and ensure the ongoing safety of myself and the children in my care. I understand that photos will be placed on my carer file at Marymead. They will be kept confidential and will not be shown to any person outside of the Marymead foster care staff without my consent.

Signed:

Date:

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General Discussion		Notes	Comments
First Aid Certificate	√	Refer to contingency guidelines	
First Aid Kit – Poisons information available	√	Refer to contingency guidelines	
Smoke detectors – tested annually	√		
Fire Blanket/Fire Extinguisher		Refer to contingency guidelines	
Home heating – guards required Electric heaters 3 feet (91 centimetres) from beds, curtains, or anything flammable	√		
Storage of guns/knives (if applicable) Storage of ammunition separate	√	Assessor to sight storage facilities	
Storage of exercise equipment – free weights to be stored appropriately		Age appropriate	
External doors secured – locking mechanisms	√		
No Smoking in home or vehicles (cigarettes, lighters, ashtrays out of reach)	√		
Candles, tea lights, incense and oil burners		Not Recommended. Adult supervision req'd	
Large furniture objects secured (TVs, wall units)			
Electrical cords in good condition (not frayed)	√		
Small rugs and mats secured (non-slip backing)			
Window blind cords secured out of reach	√	Age appropriate	
Evacuation procedures /fire drill conducted annually		Contact SES for more information	
Single or Two storey home – barriers to stairs provided	√	Age appropriate	
House to be generally clean			

and free from clutter.			
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Kitchen		Notes	Comments
Safety switch/circuit breaker installed			
Safety locks on cupboards, dishwasher, stove		Age appropriate	
Matches, knives & other sharp objects out of reach/locked up		Age appropriate and based on Risk factors/child's history	
Plastic bags & sandwich bags out of reach	√	Age appropriate	
Cleaning products & chemicals stored appropriately	√	Age appropriate	
Barrier to doorway to restrict access (<i>if small children in family</i>)	√	Age appropriate	

Living Areas		Notes	Comments
Storage of alcohol		Recommended Out of Sight.Risk factor for YP	
Glass doors clearly marked with stickers or made of safety glass	√		
Lockable sliding doors and screen doors		Age appropriate	

Bathroom/Toilet/En-suite		Notes	Comments
Medicines (Panadol & aspirins, prescription tablets) and razors stored appropriately	√		
Electrical appliances stored appropriately	√	According to safety for age of child	
Childproof lock on door			
Toxic toilet ducks		Not Recommended	
Non-slip surface in bathtub/spa & shower recess	√		
Spa specifications (covers)-for indoor and outdoor spas	√	Age appropriate Discuss risks.	

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Bedroom Planned for Child		Notes	Comments
When possible a child should have own private bedroom			
All furniture must meet Australian Standards			
No large objects which could fall on child			
Cot specifications meet Australian Standards Nappy change table stable – safety belt	√	Age appropriate	
Cot away from windows Mattress firm and flat – fits snugly Cot free from soft toys, soft pillows	√	Age appropriate	
Flame retardant sleepwear used			
Remove all drawstrings/ribbons from clothing and toys		Age appropriate	
Toys age appropriate and stored safely			
Night-light not touching curtain or bedding			
Heaters/fans away from curtains/bedding			

Garden/Outdoors		Notes	Comments
Balconies/stairways protected by a non – climbable barrier	√	Age appropriate	
Latching of Fencing and gates in good condition for safe play	√	Age appropriate	
Lock up shed/garage	√	Age appropriate	
Garden tools locked away	√	Age appropriate	
Swing sets/play equipment free from rust, splinters & sharp edges	√	Must meet Australian standards	
BBQ area- Gas bottles unplugged when not in use	√	Age appropriate	
Area free from drowning	√	Must meet Australian	

hazards (wading pool,pond)		standards	
Garden/Outdoors (cont)		Notes	Comments
Pools and fencing – Meets ACT/NSW Regulatory standards – for more details contact: www.actpla.act.gov.au	√		
Outdoor Spa – must be covered & meet Regulatory standards	√		
<i>Certificate of Use</i>	√	For pools with no fencing	
Pool and fencing must be kept in manner stipulated by the ACT Planning Authority			

Pets		Notes	Comments
Are pets wormed regularly?			
Pets must have safe temperament around children			
Can pets be separated from children if required?		Discuss risk with carer	
Are pets supervised around children?			
Cat litter tray		Discuss risk with carer	

Car		Notes	Comments
Current vehicle registration	√		
Current driver's licence	√		
Car in roadworthy condition		Must meet Australian standards	
Child restraints fitted in vehicle Booster seats – harness fitted	√	Must meet Australian standards	

