

Safe Home and Safe Practices Check

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Name: _____

Address: _____

This form relates to CYF procedure/s: Kinship & Foster Care Assessment

GENERAL HOME SAFETY		Agreed action:
Are safety plugs fitted in unused power points?	Yes / No / NA	
Are appliances, and plugs in good condition? (No frayed cords or damaged plugs)	Yes / No / NA	
Have long cords been bound with twist ties, or extra cord hidden?	Yes / No / NA	
If the house is owner-occupied are there working smoke alarms?	Yes / No / NA	
If the house is owner-occupied has the battery been tested in the last 12 months?	Yes / No / NA	
Has the Home Fire Safety – Smoke Alarms Fact Sheet been provided?	Yes / No / NA	
If the house is a rental property is/are the smoke alarm/s mains powered or 10-year non-removable battery? If not, the property owner / landlord must be contacted to rectify.	Yes / No / NA	
Is there a home fire escape plan?	Yes / No / NA	
Are cigarettes, matches, lighters and flammable substances stored in a place where a young child cannot reach them?	Yes / No / NA	
Is there a fire blanket and a fire extinguisher located near an exit?	Yes / No / NA	
Are there child resistant fire screens attached to the wall around fire places, fuel stoves, and heaters?	Yes / No / NA	

Are heaters kept at least 1 metre away from curtains, furniture, or other flammable material?	Yes / No / NA	
Are there barrier gates on steps, stairs, and changes in floor levels to prevent falls?	Yes / No / NA	
Are all railings/balustrade free of footholds that a young child can climb?	Yes / No / NA	
Are glass doors made obvious by an embedded pattern, colourful stickers, protected by safety film or made of safety glass?	Yes / No / NA	
Are curtain and blind cords secured up high and out of reach of a young child?	Yes / No / NA	
Are large televisions secured to prevent toppling over onto a young child?	Yes / No / NA	
Are all breakable items removed, or moved so they are out of reach of a young child?	Yes / No / NA	
Are sharp edges on tables and furniture covered?	Yes / No / NA	
Are all dangerous household goods including sharp items (knives, scissors, razors), medicines, cleaning products, chemicals, alcohol, pesticides, paints, poisons, animal traps/baits kept in cupboards or drawers that are lockable or out of reach?	Yes / No / NA	

GENERAL PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS		Agreed action:
You agree not to permit smoking in proximity to a child.	Yes / No / NA	
You agree not to purchase cigarettes for children (persons under 18 years of age).	Yes / No / NA	
You agree not to allow children to drink alcohol, or to frequent public bars.	Yes / No / NA	
You agree not to provide illegal substances or associated paraphernalia to a child or young person.	Yes / No / NA	

BEDROOM		Agreed action:
Is there a separate bed for each child? (The ACCC recommend that children under 9 years should not sleep in the top of a bunk or a single bed where the top of the mattress base is at least 800 mm above the floor surface)	Yes / No / NA	
Do bunk beds have fixed ladders, guardrails, and comply with AS/NZS 4220 (2010)	Yes / No / NA	
Bunk bed fact sheet provided?	Yes / No / NA	
If a child needs to share a bedroom is it with a child of the same sex and similar age?	Yes / No / NA	
Is there space for each child's clothes and personal possessions?	Yes / No / NA	
Are the toys suitable for the child's age? (e.g. no loose small parts that could pose a choking hazard)	Yes / No / NA	
Are toys kept where the child can reach them without climbing on furniture?	Yes / No / NA	
Is all top heavy furniture, such as bookcases and tall-boy drawers, secured to the wall to prevent them from tipping over if a child climbs on them?	Yes / No / NA	
Additional questions for children 0 to 4 years of age:		
Do cots comply with standard AS/NZS 172:2013, and cradles comply with AS/NZS 4385 (1996).	Yes / No / NA	
Does the cot mattress fit snugly to avoid the young child becoming wedged?	Yes / No / NA	
Does the bedding comply with Safe Infant Sleeping recommendations		
Is the cot free of all soft items – toys, bumpers, and pillows?	Yes / No / NA	
Is the cot away from the window and power points?	Yes / No / NA	
Is everything needed kept close to the baby change table, as it is important never to leave a baby unattended on a change table?	Yes / No / NA	
Do you agree to closely supervise the use of any baby walker?	Yes / No / NA	

BATHROOM		Agreed action:
Is there privacy for bathing and toileting?	Yes / No / NA	
Are electrical items including hair dryers, straighteners/curlers and electric razors unplugged when not in use?	Yes / No / NA	
Is there a child-resistant lock on the toilet or bathroom door?	Yes / No / NA	
<i>Additional questions for children 0 to 4 years of age:</i>		
Do you agree to constantly supervise a young child when in the bathroom?	Yes / No / NA	
Does the bath have a non-slip surface or non-slip mats?	Yes / No / NA	
Is the bath water temperature always 'tested' before putting a young child in (start with cold, then hot, then finish with cold)?	Yes / No / NA	
Is the bath water always drained after use?	Yes / No / NA	

KITCHEN		Agreed action:
Do you use the back hot plates and turn pot handles around to prevent pots being pulled from the hot plate, or do you have a stove guard?	Yes / No / NA	
Do you agree to closely supervise a young child when the oven is in use or use a child-resistant lock on your oven door?	Yes / No / NA	
Is the microwave positioned out of reach of a young child?	Yes / No / NA	
Do you keep the dishwasher closed at all times?	Yes / No / NA	
Are plastic bags tied in the middle and kept out of reach?	Yes / No / NA	

Additional questions for children 0 to 4 years of age:		
Is the high chair stable and does it have a 5 point harness to restrain a young child safely?	Yes / No / NA	
Do you agree to keep hot drinks out of reach of a young child?	Yes / No / NA	

LAUNDRY		Agreed action:
Are all buckets, the sink and washing machine kept empty when not in use?	Yes / No / NA	
Does the top loading washing machine switch off when the machine is opened?	Yes / No / NA	
Are front loading washing machines and dryer doors securely closed to prevent a child opening them and climbing in?	Yes / No / NA	

BACKYARD		Agreed action:
Is there a safe playing space outside which is visible from the house?	Yes / No / NA	
Is the play area separated from the driveway, and is access to the driveway and the street/road restricted?	Yes / No / NA	
Is the play equipment stable, secured, and in good condition?	Yes / No / NA	
Is there a soft surface under play equipment in the backyard to cushion falls?	Yes / No / NA	
Can the shed/garage/workshop be locked?	Yes / No / NA	
Are all garden tools, mowers, chainsaws and other dangerous tools locked away?	Yes / No / NA	

Are ladders stored safely so that a child cannot climb them?	Yes / No / NA	
Are rain water tanks sealed securely?	Yes / No / NA	
Are garden statues and birdbaths cemented in to prevent a crush injury?	Yes / No / NA	
Is the backyard free of drowning hazards? e.g. uncovered ponds, pet's water containers, buckets, tanks, troughs, dams etc. (*note that young children can drown in as little as 5cm of water)	Yes / No / NA	
Additional questions for children 0 to 4 years of age:		
Do you agree to supervise a young child at all times while playing outside?	Yes / No / NA	
Do you agree to make sure that a young child is well away from the lawn mower when mowing the lawns to prevent injury from flying stones and other objects?	Yes / No / NA	

ROAD, VEHICLE AND BIKE SAFETY		Agreed action:
Have you provided a copy of your driver's license	Yes / No / NA	Date provided:
The vehicle/s used to transport children are registered, road worthy and have appropriately fitted seatbelts? Vehicle registration status can be checked at the following address: https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/MRSWebInterface/public/regoLookup/registrationLookup.jsf	Yes / No / NA	
You agree to provide and use age appropriate child restraints that comply with AS/NZS 1754:2013 for all children transported	Yes / No / NA	
You agree to leave all vehicles not in use turned off; parked in gear; handbrake on; windows closed; vehicle locked, and keys inaccessible to the child (unless they are driving legally).	Yes / No / NA	
You agree to not leave children in a vehicle unattended.	Yes / No / NA	
You agree to not allow children under the age of 8 (or the age of 12 if the car has a front passenger airbag) to travel in the front seat of a car wherever possible.	Yes / No / NA	

You agree to not allow children to be in control of a motor vehicle or motor cycle unless they are in possession of a Learner's or Provisional License.	Yes / No / NA	
You agree to seek written approval from the Child Safety Services Manager prior to allowing a child to ride or be a pillion passenger on any motorcycle (street, trail, farm) or quad bike.	Yes / No	
Where approval has been given, you agree to ensure the child wears appropriate protective gear including an approved (AS/NZS 1698:2006) helmet.	Yes / No / NA	
You agree to ensure the child wears an approved helmet (AS/NZS 2063:2008) and protective gear when riding a bike or scooter, or when using in-line skates, skateboards or rollerblades?	Yes / No / NA	
You agree to ensure that children under 12 do not ride, skate or roller blade on a public roadway	Yes / No / NA	
You agree to ensure that children over 12 have shown they understand and can follow road rules prior to being permitted to leave the confines of the property without adult supervision	Yes / No / NA	

PETS		Agreed action:
Are there / will there be animals in the home?	Yes / No	
<i>If yes, the applicant/s:</i>		
Agrees to always supervise your dog with the child or if you can't supervise them together, separate them? Never leave a child alone with a dog, no matter how friendly it is.	Yes / No / NA	
Agrees to protect the child from any risks associated with other animals (Cats may cause suffocation of an infant if allowed in a sleeping area)	Yes / No / NA	
Agrees to regularly remove and dispose of animal droppings, bones and refuse so that the child is not exposed to associated hygiene risks	Yes / No	

SWIMMING POOLS		Agreed action:
Does the home have a swimming pool?	Yes / No	
<i>If yes, the applicant/s:</i>		
Has provided evidence that pool fencing and gates comply with AS 1926.1 - 2012	Yes / No	Date provided:
Agrees to read the Backyard swimming pools fact sheet?	Yes / No	
Agrees to supervise children at all times and protect children from water dangers.	Yes / No	
Agrees to ensure pool gate is closed and latched at all times.	Yes / No	

FIREARMS		Agreed action:
Are there / will there be firearms in the home?	Yes / No	
<i>If yes, the applicant/s:</i>		
Has provided a copy of the firearm license	Yes / No	Date provided:
Has provided a copy of the firearm registration certificate	Yes / No	Date provided:
Agrees to ensure all firearm/s are locked away securely as per the Firearms Act 1996	Yes / No	
Have you sighted the gun safe?	Yes / No	
Agrees to ensure ammunition is separated from firearm/s	Yes / No	
Agrees to seek written approval from the Child Safety Services Manager prior to allowing a child to accompany anyone handling or using a firearm	Yes / No	
Agrees to seek written approval from the Child Safety Services Manager prior to allowing a young person to apply for a Tasmanian Minors (Firearms) permit.	Yes / No	

FARM YARD AND RURAL SAFETY		Agreed action:
Does the home sit on a large rural block or working farm?	Yes / No	
If yes:		
Do you have a fence around the house with a self-latching gate to keep the young child close to the house, and away from machinery and livestock?	Yes / No / NA	
Do you check outside for snakes before letting the young child into the yard?	Yes / No / NA	
Have you removed old machinery, junk, tractor tyres, and woodpiles from where the young child plays?	Yes / No / NA	
Are silo doors locked, with ladders removed?	Yes / No / NA	
Do you let workers know when the young child is on the farm?	Yes / No / NA	
Do you check the young child is a safe distance away before starting a tractor or any other farm machinery or equipment?	Yes / No / NA	
Have you removed all keys from farm vehicles and machinery when not in use?	Yes / No / NA	
Are you able to lock sheds and workshops?	Yes / No / NA	

Comments:

Applicant’s Signature:

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Date:

Witnessed:

Please note:
Information about Australian Standards, including those applying to children’s products, is available through the SAI GLOBAL internet site www.saiglobal.com/shop
Further guidance about home safety for children can be accessed through ‘Kidsafe Tasmania’ www.kidsafetas.com.au

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Address start date: _____

Number of levels: _____

Residence type: (Please circle one)	Apartment/Flat ground floor	Apartment/Flat not ground floor	Duplex	Freestanding House	Terrace House	Town House	Other		
Locality type: (Please circle one)	Acreage	Coastal	Country Town	Farm/Agri- business	Industrial area	Inner City	Isolated / Remote	Rural	Suburban (City)

Please discuss the following:

- The applicants practice around the use of electric blankets
- Practice around the use of chargers
- Smoking practices and butt disposal practices
- Clothes drying practices
- How they would put out an oil fire and an electrical fire?

Please inspect the bathrooms, shed, garage and kitchen for the following:

- That liquids are stored in correct vessels and not in other vessels that resemble drink bottles.
- That flammable liquids are stored separately from matches, near heating sources, in a stable place that can't be knocked over
- Informing applicants that everything has to be 2 metres from fire (wood fire heater) and that if there is a fire it is best to contain it by closing the door.