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Home Safety Checklist

Please initial ____ and provide answers, where applicable.

- ____ The home has adequate space for each member of the household, including space for safe and appropriate sleeping arrangements.
- ____ The home has safe drinking water.
- ____ Family has access to a working telephone and a telephone at which the family can be reached.
- ____ Family has the necessary equipment for the safe preparation, storage, serving and clean-up of food.
- ____ Basic first aid supplies are available and easily accessible.
- ____ The home's heating system is operable. It appears and is reported to be safe, properly installed and maintained.
- ____ The home's interior area and exterior surroundings are free of hazards to the child's health and well-being. This includes consideration of tools, chemicals, garbage, debris, outbuildings and machinery.
- ____ Play areas and equipment are maintained and are safe for use by children.
- ____ Swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs, and other water hazards are inaccessible to children or the family has a plan to responsibly supervise the child.
 - ____ No water hazards.
- ____ Family has stored all poisonous chemicals and cleaning materials in such a way as to prevent access by children.
- ____ Animals, if any, are cared for properly and any potential danger is appropriately addressed. Animals are current on vaccinations.
 - ____ No animals in this home.
- ____ Firearms are stored unloaded in a locked location. Firearms are stored in the: _____

- Ammunition is stored in the: _____
- ____ No firearms in this home.



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- ____ All dangerous hunting or sporting equipment is kept safely and securely inaccessible to a child.
- ____ No dangerous hunting or sporting equipment in this home.
- ____ Smoke alarms work and are located in or just outside of every room where a child sleeps. There is a smoke alarm on each floor of the house.
- ____ There is at least one carbon monoxide monitor on each floor.
- ____ There is at least one operable fire extinguisher, class 2-A or higher, accessible in the home.
- ____ The house has at least two means of exit in case of emergency.
- ____ Any barred windows in a child's bedroom or used for an exit are fitted with operable quick release mechanisms, which the child can operate.
- ____ No barred windows in this home.
- ____ Adequate safeguards exist around operating fireplaces, wood stoves, or other heating systems.
- ____ All bedrooms for children have safe, unrestricted and direct access to hallways, corridors, living room, and other such common areas and at least one secondary means of escape or rescue.
- ____ Any doors with locks that may prevent a child from exiting a room or allow a child to lock themselves in a room, are operable from both sides of the door.
- ____ No such doors in this home.
- ____ Family has access to safe and reliable transportation and only licensed and insured individuals will transport children or young adults and will assure all passengers use seat belts or child safety seats.
- ____ The child in this home is not exposed to any secondhand smoke.

Printed name(s) of Applicant(s): _____

Address of Applicant(s): _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

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