

Safety Checklist

Take a walk around your child care setting to find the answers to these questions. Write a "Y" for yes or an "N" for no next to each item.

1. _____ Are all electrical outlets covered?
2. _____ Are there any easily breakable items within the children's reach?
3. _____ Is the carpeting padded to cushion minor falls?
4. _____ Is the carpeting low pile so small objects can't hide?
5. _____ Are materials and furnishings nontoxic?
6. _____ Are walkways clear and unobstructed?
7. _____ Are there gates in front of stairwells?
8. _____ Is the outside play area fenced?
9. _____ Is there adequate padding under climbing equipment to cushion falls?
10. _____ Does all equipment meet consumer safety standards?
11. _____ Are there any poisonous or dangerous plants within children's reach?
12. _____ Are there sharp corners on furnishing or climbing structures?
13. _____ Are tools removed or in locked storage?
14. _____ Is the environment safe so that children can play freely without environmental "no-no's"?

Compare your answers to the correct answers for each question:

1. Y 2. N 3. Y 4. Y 5. Y 6. Y 7. Y 8. Y 9. Y 10. Y 11. N 12. N 13. Y 14. Y

If any of your answers show something is unsafe, fix it right away so you can have children and caregivers that are safe and happy!