



**HS 1302.46 Family support services for health, nutrition, and mental health (b) (i)**

**Policy:** Programs must collaborate with parents to promote children's health and well-being by providing... opportunities for parents to learn about...health and safety practices for the home.

## HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

Below is a list of some potentially hazardous areas in and around your home. We've developed this checklist to help you prevent accidents and injuries from happening. **Make a home inspection using this checklist, marking all areas of concern for follow up.** Additional space is provided to add concerns. When completing this list, it's a good idea to sit on the floor to gain your child's perspective of the living space. This checklist can be used in the home where the child resides, as well as in homes where the child frequently visits.

GENERAL	Concerns/Notes and Follow Up
Has flaking paint chips on windowsills, woodwork, crib or playpens.	
Has windows that open do not have screens. Windows and screens cannot securely lock.	
Firearms are not kept in locked area. Ammunition is not stored separately. Trigger locks are not used. (Most local police departments and state police departments give these out at no charge.)	
Plastic bags are within reach of children.	
Wall sockets are uncovered and accessible to children.	
Electrical cords are accessible to children. Mini-blind/window covering cords are accessible. (strangulation hazard)	
Porches, balconies, and stairways do not have gates or other barriers to protect against falls.	
Heating units, fireplaces, radiators do not have protective screens/coverings.	
Rugs and carpets are loose or may be a tripping hazard.	
Plants are accessible to children.	
Furniture has sharp corners.	
Does not have a fire extinguisher available or is not regularly checked. (This could be in the hallway of an apartment complex or be in the home directly.)	
Smoke detectors are not installed or regularly checked to be sure they are operational.	
Batteries in smoke detectors are not changed twice yearly	
Family does not have a fire escape plan that all adults and children know and practice throughout the year.	
There is not a fire ladder available for a second or third floor with only one exit	
Cigarettes, marijuana, lighters, ashtrays, or vapor materials are within children's reach	
There is not a designated smoking area away from children	

	Batteries in remotes and toys are not secured and are accessible to children. Batteries are not disposed of safely (see local disposal sites)	
	Other:	

### KITCHEN

	Household and cleaning products are within children's reach and/or not locked and labeled	
	Medicines are within children's reach and/or unlocked.	
	Emergency numbers are not available in phone or posted near phone if a landline is available.	
	ICE app is not available for emergency numbers.	
	During and/or after cooking, pan and/or pot handles are over edge of stove, where they could be bumped or grabbed	
	Cooking utensils, knives, and other sharp objects are within children's reach	
	Water temperature is not below 120* F at all sinks (water heater can be adjusted)	
	There is standing water, such as a bucket of mop water	
	Other:	

### BEDROOMS

	Perfumes and/or cosmetics are accessible to children	
	Medicines and/or personal hygiene products are within children's reach	
	Sharp objects, such as needles, scissors, tools, etc. are within children's reach	
	Larger furniture such as dressers and TV's are not secured to the wall to avoid falling or being pulled over onto a child.	
	Other:	

### BATHROOMS

	Medicine is within children's reach and/or unlocked	
	Expired medicines are not turned in to pharmacies or the Michigan State Police.	
	Razors, scissors, and/or sharp objects are within children's reach	
	Cleaning products are not labeled and/or within children's reach	

	Hair dryers, curling/flat irons, electric razors, etc. remain plugged in when not in use and/or are within children's reach.	
	Personal hygiene products are within children's reach.	
	There is not a toilet lock.	
	Children walk/and or run with a toothbrush in their mouth, rather than standing at the sink	
	Other:	

**SPACES WHERE CHILDREN PLAY (LIVING ROOM, BEDROOM, PLAYROOM)**

	Toys have sharp edges and/or breakable parts.	
	Toys and/or game parts are small enough for child to swallow. (Fits through a paper roll tube.)	
	Broken toys are present without being repaired	
	Children are not able to move freely and safely due to the arrangement of the room	
	Adult tools/equipment are within children's reach in a play area	
	Other:	

**LAUNDRY AREA**

	Soaps, detergents, soap pods or bleach are accessible to children and/or they are not labeled.	
	Cleaning products, such as drain cleaners, window cleaner, or furniture polish are within children's reach	
	Washer and dryer are not always kept closed.	
	Other:	

**BASEMENT, GARAGE, OR OTHER STORAGE AREA**

	Hazardous materials are within children's reach and/or are not labeled. This may include Super-Glue, wood glue, repair products, paint, paint strippers, paint thinners, turpentine, soldering compound, caulking, insecticides, weed killer, gasoline, oil, lighter fluid/grilling supplies, antifreeze, seeds, fertilizer, and/or bulbs.	
	If there is a freezer or refrigerator, they do not lock	
	Power and hand tools are plugged in and/or within children's reach	
	Ladders, shovels, and/or rakes are stored in an unsafe manner	
	There is standing water on the floor	
	Returnable cans and bottles are within children's reach	

	Other:	
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**OUTSIDE AREA WHERE CHILDREN MAY PLAY AT HOME OR AT A PARK**

	Poisonous plants and shrubs are accessible to children	
	Play area has glass, nails, litter or other sharp hazardous materials.	
	Broken toys are present that have not been repaired.	
	Sandboxes are uncovered when they are not in use.	
	Boundaries around the play area are not distinct; children do not know their limits. Fences, shrubs, tree lines, painted lines or cones could be used as boundaries.	
	Wading, play, or splash pools are not emptied daily. Children are unsupervised when water is accessible.	
	Large climbing and play equipment in unsecured and unsafe. Play equipment is not checked regularly for hazards (breaks, splintering, rust, sharp areas, etc.)	
	Children are left outside without adult supervision at times	
	At times, outside areas are not inspected by an adult before children play	
	Children play or swim in streams, rivers, lakes, pools, or other bodies of water without life jackets	
	Children ride trikes, bikes, roller skates/blade, skateboards, or scooters without a bike helmet	
	Children go barefoot with debris present.	
	Other:	

**AUTOMOBILE**

	Properly installed and approved car seats are not used for all children.	
	Child safety locks are deactivated on doors. Cars are kept locked when they are not in use to prevent children from entering the car	
	Children are left unattended in the car	
	Driver's do not walk around the car to ensure there are no children behind or near the car	
	Other:	

**ADDITIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

\*Mark if parent is interested in more information on the following topics.

	Emergency First Aid	
	Health and Developmental consequences of tobacco products	
	Exposure to Lead	
	Additional Safe Sleep Information	
	Pet safety - Have you talked with your child about caring for your pet? Does your pet have a "safe spot" to go where children leave it alone?	
	PPO Plan- If you have a PPO against anyone, do you have a plan in place if an incident should occur with this person?	
	Other Health and Safety Info Requested:	

**TALKING POINTS**

**DATE NOTED ON HV PLAN**

Safe sleeping practices	
Choking hazard/choke tube – using toilet paper tube	
Medications – read labels, measure only with the measuring tool provided, don't modify adult medications for children, don't share medications, leave medication in the original container. Medication should never be kept in a purse or diaper bag where children may find it.	
Deadly Look-A-Likes: What do kids see? Windex = Kool Aid Pine Sol = apple juice	
Other:	

Additional Comments/Concerns:

Parent signature:

Date:

2<sup>nd</sup> yr Parent Initial & Date:

3<sup>rd</sup> yr Parent Initial & Date: