Environmental Health Checklist – Foster / Adoptive Home

Below is the checklist used for our environmental inspections of foster homes.

____Home and grounds are kept clean and free of hazards to children
____Kitchen and all food preparation, storage, serving areas clean
____Perishable food is refrigerated or safely stored
____Home has adequate/safe supply of water: public__ well__
____Home has adequate/safe sewage disposal system: public / private
____ Plumbing appears to be in good working condition
____Home has hot and cold running water
____At least one toilet, lavatory, and bath tub or shower inside the house
____Bathrooms are kept clean
____Soap and toilet paper are available in bathroom(s)
____Each child has a clean towel available to them only or paper towels
____Garbage is removed at least once a week
____Garbage is kept in containers with tight fitting lids, in an area away from children
____The home is kept free of insects, mice and rats
____The yard is well drained with no standing water
____The yard is free of trash and garbage.
____The house is adequately ventilated and free from bad odors.
____Windows and outside doors that are kept open for ventilation must have screens
____Cleaning supplies, insect sprays, medicines and other materials that can harm children under age 8 must be in a place out of reach of those children
____Electrical outlets in rooms used by children under age 8 must have safety covers
____Electrical fans are securely mounted out of reach of children under age 8, or have guards to prevent the children from touching the blades
____Outdoor or indoor steps are not slippery
____Porches, railings, Playhouses and other wooden structures do not have splinters
____Indoor floors are not slippery and are kept dry when in use by children
____Glass doors are marked at child's eye level to prevent accident
____All guns are locked, out of reach of children