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Heating, cooling, and ventilation:			
Is the foster home adequately ventilated?			
Is there at least one window in the child(ren)'s bedroom?			
Are all natural gas and propane burning stoves ventilated and safe?			
Is the heating system ventilated?			
Do gas furnaces have a cut off valve?			
Can the heating system maintain an internal temperature of 65 degrees Fahrenheit?			
Do all heating/cooling systems meet applicable safety code requirements?			

Water:			
Is there an adequate supply of sanitary water?			
If water is not from a public water supply, has the well water been certified?			
Please list last date certified:			
Is water supply piping maintained to meet safety code requirements?			
Does the hot water heater have a pop-off valve?			

Sewage waste and sanitation:			
The home is clean and free of accumulated dirt, waste, and infestation of insects and rodents?			
Toilet and bathing facilities are provided and maintained in a sanitary manner?			
Waste disposal is sanitary and meets safety code requirements?			
The home is free of clutter and hazards that may cause tripping and falling?			

Electrical wiring and communication:			
Electrical wiring appears to comply with safety code requirements?			
Extension cords are not used as general wiring?			
Outlets have proper plates and are maintained in a safe manner?			
A phone is readily available for use in case of an emergency?			

Kitchen and food storage:			
Does the kitchen have sufficient storage?			
Is food stored separately from cleaning supplies and chemicals?			
The kitchen is equipped with a refrigerator that can maintain food storage at a temperature between 33 degrees and 45 degrees Fahrenheit?			
The kitchen and food preparation equipment and storage is maintained in a sanitary condition?			
All knives and sharps are in a locked location (i.e.lock box, separate cabinet, etc.)?			

First aid and medical supplies:			
First aid supplies at minimum must include all of the following items:			
one box of non-medicated adhesive bandages			
one pair of blunt scissors			
one roll of 2 inch or 3 inch roller bandage			
one roll of 1/2 inch adhesive tape			
one box of sterile first aid dressings in sealed envelopes			
first aid cream and/or ointment			
First aid supplies are kept in a single cabinet or kit?			
First aid supplies are stored separate from food, cleaning supplies, and other chemicals/poisons?			

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Prescription and OTC medications are in a locked location (i.e. lock box, separate cabinet, etc.)?			
All medications are properly labeled?			
All medication is stored separate of food, cleaning supplies and other chemicals/poisons?			
TFP's are aware of the following:			
all medication needs to be administered as it is prescribed			
all prescription medication is kept in their original bottles			
all medication is administered by the TFP			
all medication issues need to be immediately reported to RMFS			
all medication is administered with the proper approvals			
left over medication, after a course of treatment, are disposed of properly			

Personal items:			
Each child has their own comb/brush, toothbrush, night clothes and undergarments that are not interchanged between children?			
TFPs know not to use bubbles at bath time in order to prevent infections? (Epson salts are allowed)			
TFPs are aware that clothing and linens need to be laundered with skin sensitive detergent?			
Linens and bedding are stored and maintained in a manner assuring that they will be clean?			
All linens and bedding are laundered before use by another child?			
TFP's are aware of the following:			
personal items are packed in a suitcase when child goes on respite			
all personal items go with the child when they leave the foster home			
all items purchased for a child, while in the home, become the property of that child and will leave the home with that child			

Pets:			
All pets are in good health and have documentation of current vaccinations?			
Pets have a temperament such that they will not be frightening or hazardous to children?			

Foster home space, furnishing and sleeping arrangements:			
TFP's have a separate room than children? (exception if child is less than 18 mths)			
All adults who live in the home or visit, sleep in a separate room than children?			
All children have separate beds? (exception of same gender siblings may share a double bed or larger)			
Sleeping quarters for foster children are a contiguous part of the main family residential building?			
Sufficient storage space to permit the sanitary storage of children's clothes, linens, and bedding?			
Furnishings are clean and maintained in sanitary and safe conditions?			
Doors and locks:			
Foster home has at least two designated exits that meet fire code standard?			
There is no interior door hardware which makes it possible for a child to be locked inside?			
Privacy locks have an emergency unlocking mechanism?			
Alarms on window and door of child(ren)'s room?			
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Yard and play space:			
Foster home has a safe indoor and outdoor designated play area?			
Yard or play space is adequately fenced as needed for a child's protection?			
All outdoor play space and toys, swings, and other outdoor equipment is maintained in a sound state of repair and free of projecting sharp edges, splinters (not all dirt), or other hazards to children?			

Weapons:			
Are all weapons stored and locked?			
Is ammunition stored separately?			
Has the family completed and signed the weapons agreement form?			
The family understands that no weapons or firearms shall be in the presence of any foster child?			
Adult(s) in home hold a concealed weapons permit?			
If so please list name:			

Other safety issues:			
Does TFP have a valid driver's license?			
Are there sanctions (past or present) on TFP's driver's licenses? (i.e. DUI/DWI, excessive traffic violations, driving on a suspended license, FTA)			
Is their proper insurance on vehicles?			
Vehicles have safety restraints as required by law?			
Properly installed car seats for age appropriate children?			
For age appropriate children are there safety gates and locking cabinets?			
Does the home have at least one fire extinguisher?			
Are there smoke detectors appropriate for the square footage of the home?			
Is there a fire escape plan posted?			
Do TFP's live in a 2-story home?			
If so, is there a fire escape safety ladder available on the second floor?			
Do TFP's smoke?			
Has the family signed a smoking plan, if necessary?			
Home and car are smoke free environments?			
Are emergency phone numbers posted?			
Has the family provided contact information to RMFS in case of a disaster?			
Pool areas, including hot tubs, are adequately fenced or have a secured cover that can withstand the weight of an adult?			
Has family signed the pool safety agreement form, if necessary?			
Outdoor ponds are not in the immediate play area of children?			
Farm and ranch equipment are not easily accessible to children?			
Farm animals are properly housed and secured as a safety precaution?			
Has it been verified that the home is not on the methamphetamine registration list? If so, please list date:			
Adequate home insurance policy that includes property damage and items such as pools and trampolines, etc, if necessary?			
Children living in the home all have current vaccinations or waivers?			
Are all car an/or farm equipment keys stored in a locked location?			
Accessibility to:			
Schools			
Medical Care			
Religious Facility			

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