

Space and Furnishings

The home has sufficient, appropriate space and furnishings for each child that may receive care in the home including:

- Space to keep clothing and other personal belongings;
- Accessible basin and toilet facilities;
- Space for recreational activities

Physical Comfort

Safe, comfortable sleeping furnishings;

All rooms used by the child are heated in winter, dry, and well-ventilated.

Rooms and study space used by the child have adequate lighting.

Sleeping Space

There is sleeping space on the first floor of the home for any child unable to use stairs unassisted, other than a child who can be easily carried in an emergency or a child-specific placement.

There is adequate square footage for each child sharing a bedroom to have personal space, including closet and storage space.

No child over the age of two (2) will share a bed.

No child over the age of two (2) will share a bedroom with an adult unless it has been approved by the local department of social services and the circumstances and plan to allow the child to sleep in the adult's bedroom are documented and approved. (Child's documented needs, disabilities or other specified conditions).

No child shares a bed with an adult.

Children of the opposite sex over the age of three (3) will not sleep in the same room.

Children under the age of seven (7) or children with significant and documented cognitive or physical disabilities will not use the top bunk of bunk beds.

Telephone

The provider and child(ren) have access to a working telephone in the home. (Landline or cell phone)

Emergency Plan

		Emergency Plan is complete and posted where child(ren) can see it.
		Provider has arranged for responsible adults to be available who can serve in the caretaker's role in case of an emergency and has the contact information listed on the plan.
		Provider has the CPS Hot line Number to notify the Department of the provider's location and contact information in the event of a relocation or large scale evacuation.
		Provider has a plan for provisions such as emergency food, water, batteries for flashlights and radios in the event of an emergency.
Home Safety Requirements		
		The home and grounds are free from litter and debris and present no hazard to the safety of the child receiving care.
		The provider will permit a fire inspection of the home by appropriate authorities because conditions indicate a need and the local department requests such an inspection.
		The provider's home has an operable smoke detector and is in compliance with local requirements regarding fire safety. Must be in each bedroom.
		Possession of all weapons, including firearms, in the home complies with federal and state laws and local ordinances.
		All firearms and other weapons (such as BB and air guns) are stored with the safety mechanisms activated, in a locked closet or cabinet. Ammunition is stored in a separate and locked area and the key(s) or combination to the locked cabinets or closets are maintained out of the reach of all children.
		Household pets are not a health or safety hazard in accordance with state laws and local ordinances and all required vaccinations are current.
		All cleaning supplies and other toxic substances are stored away from food and locked as appropriate.
		Medications are out of the reach of children and locked as appropriate. Medications are stored separately from food, except those medicines that require refrigeration.
		The home contains basic first aid supplies.

		The local agency check/verification for _____ (e.g., water or well check, accessibility, lock for pool area) has been completed as needed or required.
Transportation		
		Provider(s) and other individuals in the home understand requirement for transporting children in approved functioning child restraint devices.
		Provider(s) and other individuals providing child transportation have a valid driver's license, registration, inspection sticker and auto liability insurance.
Discrimination		
		Provider understands they may not discriminate based on race, color, sex, national origin, age, religion, political beliefs, sexual orientation, disability or family status