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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your Registered Child Development Home B conducted on 05/18/2023. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. You are not a participant in the voluntary Quality Rating and Improvement System. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of the visit:

441 IAC 110.8(1)	**Facility Requirements**
441 IAC 110.8(1)"c"	Combustible materials shall be kept a minimum of three feet away from furnaces, stoves, water heaters, and gas dryers
441 IAC 110.8(1)"g"	The home shall have at least one 2A 10BC rated fire extinguisher located in a visible and readily accessible place on each child-occupied floor.
441 IAC 110.8(1)"i"	Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be prohibited at all times in the home and in every vehicle in which children receiving care in the home are transported. Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be prohibited in the outdoor play area during the home's hours of operation. Nonsmoking signs shall be posted at every entrance of the child care home and in every vehicle used to transport children. All signs shall include: **1.** The telephone number for reporting complaints, and **2.** The Internet address of the department of public health (www.iowasmokefreeair.gov)

Findings:

You had combustible materials within three feet of your furnace and water heater.

You did not have a 2A-10BC rated fire extinguisher in the basement.

You did not have a "No Smoking" sign posted by the front door.

Your certificate of registration was not posted in a conspicuous place in the home.

You did not have emergency exit plans for tornado and fire by all the exits of the home.

You need to update your emergency preparedness plan to reflect your change of address.

You need updated physical examinations for all members of the household.

Several children's files were missing current documents including physical examinations and immunization records.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

Please move all combustible materials a maximum of three feet away from your furnace and water heater,

Please obtain a 2A-10BC rated fire extinguisher for the basement.

Please post a "No Smoking" sign by the front door.

Please post your certificate of registration in a conspicuous place in the home.

Please post emergency exit plans for tornado and fire by all exits of the home.

Please update your emergency preparedness plan to reflect your change of address.

Please provide documentation of current physical examinations for all members of the household.

Please update the children's files as needed.

Corrective Action Required:

Non-compliance with any of the mandated requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Development Home Registration. Please take whatever steps are necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above. It is essential you correct all above-mentioned violations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 712-220-0981 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,
Dave Jaehrling

Social Worker II

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Social Work Supervisor

Always Remember:

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at 877-216-8481

As you plan your future trainings to meet your 24 hours of training requirement, please remember that you can access the approved training by going to http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child_Care/Professional_Development.html

You may also access training at: https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry/

All providers need to maintain compliance with rules set out in Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, which includes: 441 IAC 110.5(1): Check with the appropriate authorities to determine how the following local, state, or federal laws apply to you: • Zoning code • Building code • Fire code • Business license • State and federal income tax • Unemployment insurance • Worker's Compensation • Minimum wage and hour requirements • OSHA • Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).