IOWA HHS **Iowa Department of Health And Human Services**

CHILD CARE COMPLIANT

Name of Provider	County	
Sandra Gray	Des Moines	
Care Address	**City**	**Zip Code**
2103 Racine AVE	Burlington	52601
Mailing Address	**Mailing City**	**Mailing Zip Code**
2103 Racine AVE	Burlington	52601
Phone	**Email**	
319-572-7962		

Date of Complaint:	09/01/2023	**Date of Visit:**	09/07/2023

Type of Visit

[ ] Scheduled [X] Unannounced [ ] N/A

Compliance Regulation

[X] Non-Compliance with Regulations Found [ ] Compliance with Regulations Found

Recommendation for Registration:

[X] No Changes to registration status recommended

[ ] Revocation of Registration

[ ] Cancellation of Child Care Assistance Provider Agreement

Category of Care:

[ ] Category A

[X] Category B

[ ] Category C (with no co-provider)

[ ] Category C (with co-provider)

[ ] Non-registered Child Care Home with CCA Provider Agreement

Complaint Details:

Did this complaint result in a serious injury? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Did this complaint result in a death to a child? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Summary of Complaint:

It was reported that the provider had, "open wires, a roll of fiberglass insulation, and power tools" in the kitchen, accessible to children.

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Rule Basis and Findings of Complaint(s):

1. 110.8 Conditions in the home shall be safe, sanitary and free from hazards. 110.8(3)a All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials are secured from access by a child.

2. 110.8(2)b When a swimming pool or wading pool is on the premises: wading pools are drained daily and are inaccessible to children when not in use. If not fenced, both in and above-ground pools must have a cover that meets or exceeds ASTM standards when not in use. Fence for above-ground pool is four feet high and non-climbable.

SW Bailey arrived at the daycare home, unannounced on 9/7/2023. At the time of the visit no daycare children were present. The provider, Sandra Gray, stated that daycare children would arrive at her home after school. SW Bailey noticed an above-ground pool, uncovered, on Sandra's back patio. SW Bailey entered the home through the breezeway door, which leads directly into the kitchen. The kitchen area was obviously under construction/renovation. It appeared that most of the tools and construction items had been picked up and set aside, but were still accessible to children.

Sandra stated that she is having her kitchen re-done and they are doing most of the work themselves. Sandra reports that they daycare children do not go in the kitchen area. SW Bailey pointed out that it is necessary to walk through the kitchen to get to the rest of the house. SW Bailey reminded Sandra that daycare children could easily go in to the kitchen area when she wasn't looking and have access to many unsafe things, such as power tools, construction equipment and other hazardous items. SW Bailey suggested to Sandra that she needed to use the front door or escort the children into the home and then put up a baby gate, blocking off the kitchen area. Sandra had an extra baby gate and put it up while SW Bailey was there.

SW Bailey discussed rules regarding swimming pools at daycare homes with Sandra. SW Bailey informed Sandra that she would either need to purchase a cover that meets or exceeds ASTM standards or add additional 4-foot, non-climbable fencing around the pool. The pool is situated in the corner of the patio, surrounded by the house on one side and what appeared to be a 4-foot, non-climbable fence on two sides, but the front of the pool was completely open and accessible. Children's toys were on the patio, in front of the pool, so it appears that children are playing in the area of the unsecured pool. Sandra immediately stated that she would start taking the swimming pool down today. SW Bailey contacted supervisor, Sheila Aunspach by phone, and Ms. Aunspach agreed that if Sandra took down the swimming pool and sent photo proof, a safety plan wouldn't be required.

Resolution and Action Required:

1. Sandra addressed the access to unsafe construction materials while SW Bailey was at the home by putting up a baby gate at the door of the kitchen. Sandra agreed to keep the baby gate up while daycare children are in the home until the kitchen construction is completed.

2. Sandra agreed to take down the above-ground pool and send a photo to SW Bailey by Monday, 9/11/2023. If Sandra fails to follow through with this, a safety plan will be written regarding above-ground pool safety.

Consultant's Signature:	Holly Bailey	**Date of Visit:**	09/07/2023
Supervisor Signature:	Sheila Aunspach	**Date of Visit:**	09/08/2023