



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your child care home conducted on 09/17/2018. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 120, describes specific requirements that must be met by a child care home that has a child care assistance provider agreement. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of the visit:

**441 IAC 120.7**                      **Provider Requirements**

441 IAC 120.8                      Standards. Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards.

**441 IAC 120.8(1)**                      **Facility Requirements**

441 IAC 120.8(1)"b"                      Electrical wiring shall be maintained, and all accessible electrical outlets shall be tamper-resistant outlets or shall be safely capped. Electrical cords shall be properly used. Improper use includes running cords under rugs, over hooks, through door openings, or other use that has been known to be hazardous

441 IAC 120.8(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](http://www.iowasmokefreeair.gov))

441 IAC 120.8(1)“n”

Providers shall inform parents of the presence of any pet in the home.

1. Each dog or cat in the household shall undergo an annual health examination by a licensed veterinarian. Acceptable veterinary examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5153, Veterinary Health Certificate. This examination shall verify that the animal's routine immunizations, particularly rabies, are current and that the animal shows no evidence of endoparasites (roundworms, hookworms, whipworms) and ectoparasites (fleas, mites, ticks, lice).

2. Each pet bird in the household shall be purchased from a dealer licensed by the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship and shall be examined by a veterinarian to verify that it is free of infectious diseases. Acceptable veterinary examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5153, Veterinary Health Certificate. Children shall not handle pet birds.

3. Aquariums shall be well maintained and installed in a manner that prevents children from accessing the water or pulling over a tank.

4. All animal waste shall be immediately removed from the children's areas and properly disposed of. Children shall not perform any feeding or care of pets or cleanup of pet waste.

5. No animals shall be allowed in the food preparation, food storage, or serving areas during food preparation and serving times

#### **441 IAC 120.8(2)**

#### **Use of Outdoor Space**

441 IAC 120.8(2) “a”

A safe outdoor play area shall be maintained in good condition throughout the year. The play area shall be fenced off when located on a busy thoroughfare or near a hazard which may be injurious to a child, and shall have both sunshine and shade areas. The play area shall be kept free from litter, rubbish, and flammable materials and shall be free from contamination by drainage or ponding of sewage, household waste, or storm water.

#### **441 IAC 120.8(3)**

#### **Medications and Hazardous Materials**

441 IAC 120.8(3)“a”

All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials shall be secured from access by a child

441 IAC 120.8(3)“c”

Medications shall be given only with the parent's or doctor's written authorization. Each prescribed medication shall be accompanied by a physician's or pharmacist's direction. Both nonprescription and prescription medications shall be in the original container with directions intact and labeled with the child's name. All medications shall be stored properly and, when refrigeration is required, shall be stored in a separate, covered container so as to prevent contamination of food or other medications. All medications shall be stored so they are inaccessible to children. Any medication administered to a child shall be recorded, and the record shall indicate the name of the medication, the date and time of administration, and the amount given

#### **441 IAC 120.8(4)**

#### **Emergency Plans**

441 IAC 120.8(4)

Emergency Plans: plans in case of man-made or natural disaster shall be written and posted by the primary and secondary exits. The plans shall clearly map building evacuation routes and tornado and flood shelter areas.

Findings:

Josie will eliminate extension cords plugged into multi-outlets upstairs and insure that these cords are not placed under rugs or carpets.

Josie will repair/fix hole in ceiling over her main level shower stall in the bathroom.

Josie needs to place an Iowa Smoke Free Air Act Compliant No Smoking sign on her front door.

Josie needs to show documentation of a current physical for one dog (Gunner) on the Pet Health Examination Certificate.

Josie needs to anchor her swingset and either repair or replace plastic riding toy that has chewed up handlebars on it.

Josie needs to remove laundry detergent on child's eating table and place in child inaccessible location; repair right cabinet door child lock underneath of kitchen sink; remove Hydrocortisone on her living room desk; and place all items labeled "Keep Out of Reach of Children" located in her bathroom to a child inaccessible location.

Josie needs to move her medications located next to the kitchen sink to a child inaccessible area.

Josie needs to write out her plan for fire on her plan posted near her back door/exit.

Suggestions for Improvement:

Recommendation:

Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home either on or after 11/7/18.

[ ] Is the recommendation to terminate a provider agreement or revoke a registration?

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

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at (319) 208-5521/crekli@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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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 563-324-3236