

10/13/2020

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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your child care home conducted on 10/13/2020. 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)“h” The home shall have at least one single-station, battery-operated, UL-approved smoke detector in each child-occupied room and at the top of every stairway. Each smoke detector shall be installed according to manufacturer’s recommendations. The provider shall test each smoke detector monthly and keep a record of testing for inspection purposes

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)

441 IAC 120.8(3)**Medications and Hazardous Materials**

441 IAC 120.8(3)“b” A first-aid kit shall be available and easily accessible whenever children are in the child development home, in the outdoor play area, in vehicles used to transport children, and on field trips. The kit shall be sufficient to address first aid related to minor injury or trauma and shall be stored in an area inaccessible to children. The kit shall, at a minimum, include adhesive bandages, bottled water, disposable tweezers, and disposable plastic gloves.

Findings:

441 IAC 120.8(1)h. Smoke detectors. Laura needs to put a smoke detector in the 'new play room' and put the detector back up at the top of the steps.

441 IAC 120.8(1)i. Nonsmoking signs. Laura needs a nonsmoking sign placed on her sliding door.

441 IAC 120.8(3)b. First aid supplies. Laura needs a first aid kit that contains, at a minimum the following: bottled water, disposable tweezers, disposable plastic gloves, and Band-Aids.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

Contact Heather Bloome at Child Care Resource and Referral for any assistance with the above items (563)940-7971.

Corrective Action Required:

A follow up visit will not be required. Laura needs to send a picture of the above items to this worker by 11/30/2020. Items can be emailed to khuinke@dhs.state.ia.us.

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.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 563-949-6971 or khuinke@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Kathy Huinker

Social Worker II

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Social Work Supervisor

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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 877-216-8481