**Water Supply / Plumbing / Water Temperature**

If you have a private well- water must be tested.

Toilets and baths must be clean and have running water.

Hot water temperature must not exceed 120° F. (Please check your water heater settings prior to health inspection)

**Food Holding Temperature**

Refrigerator thermometer needed and should reflect 41° F (or below).

Liquid from the refrigerator must be 41°F (or below).

**Vermin Control**

Windows and doors used for ventilation must have screening.

**Smoke Detectors**

Smoke detectors must be located near kitchen and bedrooms.

Batteries must be checked regularly.

**Garbage Disposal and Sewage**

All outside garbage cans must have lids.

Must inform 4kids of pick up/disposal schedule.

Sewage system must be functioning.

**Pool and Water Safety**

Swimming pools must have a barrier of at least (4) feet in height on all sides.

All access doors to the swimming pool barrier must have at least **two** of the following safety features (and be inaccessible to children): alarm, key lock, self-locking door or bolt lock.

Swimming pool entry must be locked whenever not in use.

Steps or ladders leading to above-ground pools must be secured, locked, or removed when not in use.

Hot tubs and spas are required to have a safety cover and be locked when not in use.

All caregivers must complete a basic water safety course.

Children who are not proficient in swimming must wear an approved floating device in the swimming pool.

Direct adult supervision is required at all times when children are in or around the swimming pool, spa, hot tub area or any body of water.

**For Children Under 6 Years of Age**

Must have safety caps over all visible electrical outlets.

Must have Guard rails on bed if child is under age 4.

Cribs for infants must be away from window and mini-blind cords or other strangulation hazards.

Child safety latches on cupboards and drawers containing items that would be harmful, with the exception of medications or toxic cleaners which need to be locked away with a key or combination lock.

**Other Safety Requirements**

All medications and toxic cleansers must be locked up (with a key or combination lock) and inaccessible to children.

First aid supplies and battery operated flashlights readily available in case of emergency.

Emergency phone numbers posted near phone and transportation readily available in case of emergency.

Evacuation plan posted in a highly visible place and shared/practiced with children.

Portable chemical fire extinguisher (size 2A10BC) must be accessible in kitchen. 2nd floor must also have accessible fire extinguisher. If extinguisher is over 1 year old, must have tag from Fire Department.

Fire drills, including all children, must be held every 6 months.

Alcoholic beverages must be locked up and inaccessible to children.

Firearms and ammunition must be kept in separate, locked cabinets.

Mat, decals or non-skid surface must be present in the bathtub or shower which will be used by foster child.

Home must be free from any objects, materials, or conditions which could cause danger to children of all ages.

Top bunk beds must have guard rails.

Bedrooms on 2nd floor or above must have a window or door with approved means of exit. Rope ladder is required for 2nd floor window on a house.

Pets must be properly vaccinated against rabies and a copy of vaccinations kept on file.

Children’s access to large pets or potentially dangerous animals must be restricted.

Children must have a safe outdoor play area as part of the property or within a reasonable walking distance.

All combustible items must be properly stored away from sources of heat.

Home must not be heated by gas heaters without vents.

All fireplaces, space heaters, steam radiators, and hot surfaces must be shielded against accidental contact.