

Health and Safety Checklist

Home

- Internal and external gates secure.
- Safety latches and sockets are in place.
- Fireguard surrounding open hearth or stove and guards on cooker.
- Smoke alarms.
- Patio and panel doors have protective glass.
- Restrictor openings on windows.
- External buildings are inaccessible.
- All toys should be examined regularly for general faults.
- The sandpit should be covered when not in use.
- It is recommended that all childminders be trained in First Aid.
- Check and keep the First Aid Box stocked.

Harmful Substances

- Cleaning Supplies and medicines are in a locked container.
- Plastic bags are stored out of reach.
- Sharp items are out of reach.
- Matches, lighters, cigarette, ashtrays, and alcohol not in areas used by children.
- Potentially poisonous plants, herbicides and fertilizers are removed both in home and garden.

Potential Dangers

- Electric cords and plugs are in good condition and tied or taped up.
- Power circuits are not overloaded.
- Drapery and blind cords are secured out of children's reach.
- All access routes should be uncluttered and well lit so as to prevent any accidents.

Fire Safety

- The escape routes and exit doors should be kept free from clutter at all times.
- Fire Blanket and adequate fire extinguishers should be provided and maintained.
- Smoke alarms should be fitted.
- All flammable materials should be safely stored outside of the children's areas.

Hygiene Standards

- Strict procedures and routines should be in place for maintaining hygiene.
- All waste should be disposed of quickly and hygienically.
- Floors, walls and furniture should be cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis.
- Pets should not share the indoor or outdoor play areas at any time.