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Foster Care Licensing and Background Checks Division**

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FOSTER CARE AND RESIDENTIAL FACILITY LICENSING DIVISION

Use of form: This form is used by licensing specialists to determine compliance with the family foster home regulations.

NOTE: The statements on this form do not reflect all of the laws and regulations for a family foster home. The statements are NOT the actual laws or regulations. Refer to the regulation book for all applicable regulations and for the complete statement of each regulation. The child-placing agency shall provide the prospective foster parents a copy of the Kansas Laws and Regulations for Licensing Family Foster Homes for Children.

The blank spaces after each statement may be used to record your comments. If you answer NO, write next to the regulation on how the foster home will come into compliance.

Qualifications and Training Requirements: K.A.R. 28-4-801 through K.A.R. 28-4-806		
It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain a child care facility for children under 16 years of age without having a license.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Licensee(s) is at least 21 years of age.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Licensee(s) shall have sufficient income or resources to provide for the basic needs and financial obligations of the foster family and to maintain compliance with all regulations governing family foster homes.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Licensee(s) will participate in an initial family assessment, a family assessment for each renewal, and any additional family assessments conducted by the sponsoring child-placing agency. Each family assessment shall include at least one individual interview with each household member at least seven years of age and at least one visit in the family foster home.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Licensee(s) will meet the training requirements in KAR 28-4-806 and maintain ongoing sponsorship by a public or private child-placing agency.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
The foster home only admits children as permitted by the terms of the license.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
The foster home will not exceed a maximum of six children, including foster parent's own children under 16 years of age.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
The foster home will not have more than two children in the home under 18 months of age.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
The foster home license is posted conspicuously in the family foster home.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Background check K.A.R. 28-4-805 requests are submitted by the licensee(s) for the following:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each individual 10 years of age and older who resides, works, or regularly volunteers in the family foster home, excluding children placed in foster care; • Each caregiver 14 years of age and older; and • Each resident of a home in which informal visitation occurs who is at least 10 years of age • For each individual 18 years of age and older residing in the home, a child abuse and neglect background check from each previous state of residence throughout the five-year period before the date of the application 		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED

Training K.A.R. 28-4-806		
Each applicant must successfully complete the following before a license is issued:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A face-to-face, instructor-led family foster home preparatory program approved by the department; • A face-to-face, instructor-led first aid training course that lasts at least three clock hours • Universal precautions; and • Medication administration 		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Recordkeeping requirements K.A.R. 28-4-808		
Each licensee shall keep the following documents in the family foster home:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sponsoring child-placing agency's approval for to provide respite care, approval for use of informal visitation and an approved outdoor safety plan; • A copy of the safety rules for the use of swimming pools, wading pools, or hot tubs posted as specified in K.A.R. 28-4-824; • A copy of the regulations governing family foster homes; • Documentation of information submitted for background checks as specified in K.A.R. 28-4-805; • A copy of the record of each rabies vaccination for each domesticated dog and each domesticated cat; • Documentation of accident and liability insurance for each vehicle used to transport children in foster care; • Documentation of all pre-licensure training; • A health assessment that meets the requirements in K.A.R. 28-4-819 and documentation of a negative TB test or chest X-ray; • A copy of a valid driver's license, if applicable 		
The record for each child 16 years of age and older, excluding children placed in foster care, shall include the following information:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A health assessment that meets the requirements in K.A.R. 28-4-819 and documentation of a negative TB test or chest X-ray; • Current immunization record; and • A copy of a valid driver's license, if transporting any child in foster care. 		
The records for each child less than 16 years of age who was born to, or adopted by, the licensee shall include a health assessment that meets the requirements in K.A.R. 28-4-819 and documentation of immunizations.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Caregiver qualifications; supervision K.A.R. 28-4-811		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each caregiver shall be qualified by the temperament, emotional maturity, judgment, and the understanding of children necessary to maintain the health, comfort, safety, and welfare of children in foster care • Each licensee shall ensure that each child in foster care is supervised in accordance with the child's age, maturity, risk factors, and developmental level. Additional supervision shall be provided for any child in foster care of any age in any of the following situations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The child has mental health issues that place the child at higher concern for risk-taking behaviors that could result in unintentional injury or drowning. ○ The child would be a danger to self or others. ○ The child functions below the child's chronological age level. ○ The child is unable to engage in self-care. • Each licensee shall ensure that substitute care and supervision are provided in each of the following situations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ During the absence of the licensee between the hours of six a.m. and midnight, the following requirements shall apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For an absence of less than four hours, the substitute caregiver shall be at least 14 years of age and at least three years older than the oldest child in foster care; and ▪ For an absence of four to 10 hours, the substitute caregiver shall be at least 16 years of age and at least three years older than the oldest child in foster care. 		

- In the absence of the licensee for more than 10 hours or for any period between the hours of midnight and six a.m., the substitute caregiver shall be at least 18 years of age and at least three years older than the oldest child in foster care.
- Any child in foster care at least 12 years of age may be permitted to stay at home without adult supervision for certain periods of time between the hours of six a.m. and midnight if all of the following requirements and conditions are met:
 - Identified and written approval in child’s case plan;
 - Each child in foster care’s specific risk factors shall be considered in developing the self-care plan;
 - The written self-care plan shall take into consideration the number of children in the home, the behavior, emotional stability, and maturity level of the children in the home, and any neighborhood safety issues. The self-care plan shall be approved by the sponsoring child-placing agency and the child’s child-placing agent.
 - Only children residing in the home may be present during self-care.
 - Any child that is at least 12 years of age may be in self-care for a maximum of two consecutive hours, for no more than four hours each day.
 - Any child who is at least 14 years of age may be in self-care no more than four hours each day.
 - Any child who is at least 16 years of age may be in self-care for no more than 10 hours each day.

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Behavior management practices; prohibited punishment; physical restraint; notification requirements K.A.R. 28-4-815

- Behavior management practices.**
- Each licensee shall ensure that positive methods are used for behavior management that are appropriate to the age and developmental level of the child in foster care and encourage cooperation, self-direction, and independence.
 - Each caregiver shall use methods of behavior management that are designed to help each child in foster care develop inner controls and manage the child’s own behavior in a socially acceptable manner.
 - If time-out is used to manage behavior, the child in foster care shall remain in time-out in accordance with the child’s age and developmental level and only long enough to regain self-control.
 - For each child in foster care who is not able to develop self-control or self-management, behavior management techniques shall be approved, in writing, by the case planning team.

- Prohibited punishment.**
- No individual shall use any of the following means or methods of punishment of a child:
 - Punishment that is humiliating, frightening, or physically harmful to the child;
 - Corporal punishment, including hitting with the hand or any object, yanking arms or pulling hair, excessive exercise, exposure to extreme temperatures, or any other measure that produces physical pain or threatens the child’s health or safety;
 - Restricting movement by tying or binding;
 - Confining a child in a closet, box, or locked area;
 - Forcing or withholding food, rest, or toilet use;
 - Refusing a child access to the family foster home,
 - Mental and emotional cruelty, including verbal abuse, derogatory remarks about a child in foster care or the child’s family , statements intended to shame, threaten, humiliate, or frighten the child, or threats to expel a child from the home; and
 - Placing soap, or any other substance that stings, burns or has a bitter taste, in the child’s mouth or on the tongue or any other part of the child’s body.

<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
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Transportation Requirements: K.A.R. 28-4-816

- Each licensee shall ensure that all of the following requirements are met:**
- Trailers pulled by another vehicle, camper shells, and truck beds shall not be used for the transportation of children in foster care.
 - The transporting vehicle shall be maintained in a safe operating condition.
 - The transporting vehicle shall be covered by accident and liability insurance as required by the state of Kansas.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A first-aid kit is kept in the transporting vehicle and shall include disposable nonporous gloves, a cleansing agent, scissors, bandages of assorted sizes, adhesive tape, a roll of gauze, one package of gauze squares at least four inches by four inches in size, and one elastic bandage. • Each driver of any vehicle that is used to transport any child in foster care shall hold a valid driver's license appropriate for the type of vehicle being used. • When a child safety seat, including booster seat, is required, the seat shall meet the all requirements under K.A.R. 28-4-816 (c) (4) 		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Nutrition; food handling and storage		
Refer to K.A.R. 28-4-817		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Storage of medication K.A.R. 28-4-818		
All prescription, nonprescription medication and vitamins/supplements are to be kept in the original container at the recommended temperature in accordance with the instructions on the label and, except as specified in paragraph (e)(4), in locked storage and inaccessible to children.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Health Care K.A.R. 28-4-819		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each individual residing in the family foster home shall be free from any infectious or contagious disease specified in K.A.R. 28-1-6 • Each caregiver shall be in a state of physical, mental, and emotional health as necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the children in foster care. • No caregiver shall be in a state of impaired ability due to the use of alcohol or other chemicals, including prescription and nonprescription drugs. • Each individual regularly caring for a child in foster care in the family foster home shall have a health assessment conducted by a physician with a current license to practice in Kansas or by a nurse with a current license to practice in Kansas who is approved to perform health assessments. • Each individual living in the family foster home, other than the child in foster care, shall have a health assessment that meets the requirements indicated above. • Each child born to or adopted by the licensee who is less than 16 years of age and is living in the home shall have current immunizations. • Each individual 16 years of age and older living, working, or regularly volunteering in the family foster home shall be required to have a record of a negative tuberculin test or X-ray 		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
General Environmental Requirements 28-4-820		
Each family foster home shall meet the legal requirements of the community as to zoning, fire protection, water supply and sewage disposal. If a private sewage disposal system is used, the system shall meet the requirements specified in K.A.R. 28-4-55. If a private water system is used, the system shall meet the requirements specified in K.A.R. 28-4-50.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
The home has sufficient furnishings and equipment to accommodate both the foster family and each child in foster care.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
The floors are covered, painted, or sealed in all living areas of the home, kept clean and maintained in good repair.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
The interior finish of all ceilings, stairs, and hallways shall meet generally accepted standards of building, including safety requirements.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each closet door shall be designed to be opened from the inside and shall be readily opened by a child.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each stairway with two or more stairs and a landing shall have a handrail and be guarded on each side if there is a drop-off of more than 21 inches from the stairs or landing to the floor or ground.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED

If any stairway is guarded by balusters, and the family foster home is intended to be licensed for children in foster care less than six years of age, the space between balusters shall not exceed four inches.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
When a child in foster care less than three years of age is present, each stairway with two or more stairs and a landing shall be gated. Each gate shall have a latching device that an adult can open readily in an emergency. Accordion gates are prohibited and pressure gates are prohibited for use at the top of any stairway.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
If the family foster home is intended to be licensed for children in foster care less than six years of age, each electrical outlet shall be covered.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
At least one bathroom in the family foster home shall have at least one sink, one flush toilet, and one tub or shower. All fixtures shall be working at all times.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each bathroom shall have a solid door that affords privacy to the occupant and that can be opened from each side without the use of a key in case of an emergency.		
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A working telephone shall be on the premises and available for use at all times. Emergency telephone numbers shall be readily accessible or be posted next to the telephone for the police, fire department, ambulance, hospital or hospitals, and poison control center. The name, address and telephone number of the primary care physician used for each child in foster care shall be posted next to the telephone or readily accessible in case of an emergency.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
A working smoke detector shall be centrally installed on each level of the home and in each room used for sleeping by a child in foster care and by the licensee.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
One working carbon monoxide detector shall be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions in an area adjacent to each room used for sleeping by a child in foster care and by the licensee.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
The interior of the family foster home shall be free from accumulation of visible dirt, any evidence of vermin infestation, and any objects or materials that could cause injury to children in foster care.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
All rooms used for living space shall be properly heated, plumbed, lighted and ventilated.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each window and door used for ventilation shall be screened to minimize the entry of insects.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Firearms and other weapons		
No child in the home shall have unsupervised access to any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearms, ammunition, and other weapons; • Air-powered guns, including BB guns, pellet guns, and paint ball guns; • Hunting and fishing knives; and • Any archery and martial arts equipment 		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
All firearms, including air-powered guns, BB guns, pellet guns, and paint ball guns, shall be stored unloaded in a locked container, closet, or cabinet. If the locked container, closed, or cabinet is constructed in whole or in part of glass or Plexiglas, each firearm shall be additionally secured with a hammer lock, barrel lock, or trigger guard.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Ammunition shall be kept in a separate locked storage container or locked compartment designed for that purpose.		

<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
All archery equipment, hunting and fishing knives, and other weapons shall be kept in a locked storage compartment.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each key to a locked storage container, closet, or compartment of guns, ammunition, and other weapons, and to gun locks shall be in the control of a licensee at all times.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Storage of household chemicals, personal care products, tools, and sharp instruments		
All household cleaning supplies and all personal care products that have warning labels advising the consumer to keep those supplies and products out of reach of children or that contain alcohol shall be kept in locked storage or stored out of reach of children less than six years of age.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
All chemicals and household supplies with warning labels advising the consumer to keep those chemicals and supplies out of reach of children shall be kept in locked storage or stored out of reach of children less than 10 years of age.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Sharp instruments shall be stored in drawers equipped with childproof devices to prevent access by children or stored out of reach of children less than six years of age.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Tobacco, tobacco products, cigarette lighters, and matches shall be inaccessible to individuals less than 18 years of age.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Tools shall be inaccessible to each child in foster care when the tools are not in use and shall be used by a child in foster care only with supervision by an individual 18 years of age and older.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Heating Appliances		
Each heating appliance using combustible fuel, including a wood-burning stove or a fireplace, shall be vented to the outside.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each fireplace and each freestanding heating appliance using combustible fuel, including a wood-burning stove, shall stand on a noncombustible material according to the manufacturer's specifications, Kansas state statutes, and regulations and local ordinances.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each heating appliance designed by the manufacturer to be unvented shall be used according to the manufacturer's specifications, Kansas statutes and regulations, and local ordinances.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
A protective barrier shall be provided for each fireplace and each free standing heating appliance as necessary to protect a child in foster care less than three years of age.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
If a propane heater is used, the heater shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, Kansas statutes and regulations, and local ordinances.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each flue or chimney of any heating appliance that uses combustible fuel shall be checked annually and cleaned as recommended by a qualified chimney sweep.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each clothes dryer shall be vented to the outside or to a venting device installed and used according to the manufacturer's specifications, Kansas statutes, and regulations, and local ordinances.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each family foster home shall have a space for indoor play and access to an outdoor play space.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED

Mobile Home Requirements		
The mobile home shall have two exits that are located at least 20 feet apart, with one exit within 35 feet of each bedroom door.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each mobile home shall be skirted with latticed or solid skirting and securely anchored by cable to the ground.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Sleeping arrangements K.A.R. 28-4-821		
Sleeping space shall NOT include any of the following places:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An unfinished attic; • An unfinished basement; • A hall; • A closet; • A laundry room; • A garage; • Any living space that is normally used for other than sleeping arrangements; or • Any room that provides routine passage to a common use room, to another bedroom, or to the outdoors. 		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each bedroom shall have at least 70 square feet.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each bedroom shall have at least 45 square feet for each individual sharing the room.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
The exit path from each bed to each outside exit shall have a minimum ceiling height of six feet eight inches.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each bedroom shall have a solid, hinged door to ensure privacy.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each bedroom shall have at least two means of escape. Each means of escape shall be easily opened from the inside.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
For each window used as a means of escape, all of the following requirements shall be met:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The window shall have a width of at least 20 inches and a height of at least 24 inches. • The window shall be within 44 inches of the floor or shall have permanent steps or another immovable fixture that brings the window to within 44 inches of the top of the steps or fixture. • If the window is screened, the screen shall be easily removed from the inside. • The licensee shall ensure that each occupant of the bedroom can easily exit through the window. 		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
All false ceilings, curtains, drapes, or fabric used in decoration for ceilings or walls in each room used for sleeping shall be made of fire-rated materials.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each child in foster care shall have a separate bed or crib that meets the following requirements:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is intact, fully functional, and in good repair to prevent injury or entrapment of the child; • Is of sufficient size to accommodate the size and weight of the child; 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a mattress that is clean and has a waterproof covering, if needed; and • Has bedding adequate to the season and appropriate to the age of the child. 		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each bed that requires bed springs shall have springs in good condition.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
If a bunk bed is used by any child in foster care, the following requirements shall be met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The upper bunk shall be protected on all sides with rails. Headboards and footboards may substitute for rails on the ends of the bed. • Each child in foster care using the upper bunk shall be at least six years of age. 		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each crib and each playpen shall meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a crib or playpen is slatted, the slats shall be spaced no more than 2 3/8 inches apart. • Each crib shall have a firm mattress fitted so that no more than two fingers can fit between the mattress and the crib side when the mattress is set in the lowest position. • The crib corner post extensions shall not exceed 1 1/16 inch. • When the crib is in use, the drop side of the crib shall be secured in the up position. • No pillow, quilt, comforter, blanket, bumpers, or other soft product that could cause suffocation shall be used in the crib or playpen when a child who is less than 12 months of age is sleeping in the crib or playpen 		
Safety Procedures: K.A.R. 28-4-822		
Each licensee shall make the following preparations for emergencies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each licensee shall ensure that a telephone and emergency information are available as specified in K.A.R. 28-4-820. • Each licensee shall develop an emergency plan for the family foster home to provide for the safety of all residents of the home in emergencies including fires, tornadoes, storms, floods, and serious injuries. • Each emergency plan shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the family foster home. • Each licensee and each individual providing care in the family foster home shall be informed of and shall follow the emergency plan. 		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each licensee shall ensure that prior arrangements are made at a hospital or clinic for emergency treatment for each child in foster care and shall ensure that all medical and surgical consent forms are acceptable to the hospital or clinic.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
If the child in foster care is taken to the hospital or clinic for emergency treatment, each licensee shall ensure that the child's health assessment forms and the medical and surgical consent forms are taken to the hospital or clinic.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
If a caregiver accompanies a child in foster care to the source of emergency care, that caregiver shall remain with the child. Each licensee shall ensure that an arrangement is made and followed to ensure supervision of the other children in the family foster home if a child requires emergency care.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each licensee shall ensure that a fire drill is conducted monthly and that the drills are scheduled to allow participation by each family member and child in foster care. The date and time of each drill shall be recorded and kept on file in the family foster home.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each licensee shall ensure that a tornado drill is conducted monthly during April through September and that the drill is scheduled to allow participation by each resident of the family foster home. The date and time of each drill shall be recorded and kept on file in the family foster home.		
Outside Premises: K.A.R. 28-4-823		

The outside premises of the home shall be free from any objects, materials, and conditions that constitute a danger to the health or safety of each child in foster care.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
No child less than six years of age shall have unsupervised access to either of the following:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fish pond or a decorative pool containing water 24 inches deep or less; or • Any other specified safety hazard identified below 		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Outdoor play area		
The play area shall be located, arranged, and maintained to allow for supervision by the caregiver and to reduce the risk of injury.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
The play area shall be well drained and free of known health, safety, and environmental hazards.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Play equipment shall be located in an area free from hazards, be age-appropriate, and be in good repair. The play equipment shall be placed far enough away from potential hazards, including trees, structures, fences, and power lines, to minimize the risk of injury while the play equipment is in use. Equipment that is broken, hazardous, or unsafe shall not be used. Swings and climbing equipment shall be anchored and shall not be used over hard-surfaced materials, including asphalt, concrete, and bare, hard-packed dirt.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Trampolines shall be prohibited on the premises of the family foster home.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Protection from safety hazards		
Each licensee shall ensure that each child in foster care is protected from all safety hazards adjacent to or within 50 yards of the house, as follows:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A busy street; • railroad tracks; or • A water hazard, including a ditch, a pond, a lake, and any standing water over 24 inches deep. 		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
The licensee shall develop and follow a written outdoor safety plan before a child in foster care is allowed to be outdoors in an unfenced area of the family foster. The plan shall be approved by the sponsoring child-placing agency and shall include all of the following:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A description of any safety hazard and of any natural or man-made barrier separating the area from the safety hazard; • the approximate distance from the unfenced area to each safety hazard; (C) a description of the provisions made for increased supervision; and • A requirement for a caregiver to be outdoors with each child in foster care less than six years of age. 		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Swimming pools, wading pools, and hot tubs; off-premises swimming and wading activities: K.A.R. 28-4-824		
If any swimming pool or wading pool with water over 12 inches deep or any hot tub is on the premises, the pool or tub shall be constructed, maintained, and used in such a manner that safeguards the lives and health of the children in foster care.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
If children in foster care have access to a swimming pool, wading pool, or hot tub, at least one adult shall be physically present and shall directly supervise the children. A minimum ratio of one adult to six children, including children in foster care, shall be maintained		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each licensee shall post legible safety rules for the use of a swimming pool or hot tub in a conspicuous location. If the pool or hot tub is available for use, the licensee shall read and review the safety rules weekly with each child in foster care.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED

Swimming pools on the premises		
Each in-ground swimming pool shall be enclosed by a fence at least five feet high. Each gate in the fence shall be kept locked and shall be self-locking. The wall of a house or other building containing a window designed to open or a door shall NOT be used in lieu of a fence.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each aboveground swimming pool shall be at least four feet high or shall be enclosed by a fence at least five feet high with a gate that is kept closed and is self-locking. Steps shall be removed and stored away from the pool when the pool is not in use. Each aboveground pool with a deck or berm that provides a ground-level entry on any side shall be treated as an in-ground pool.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Sensors or pool covers shall NOT be used in lieu of a fence		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
The pH of the water in the swimming pool shall be maintained between 7.2 and 8.2. The available chlorine content shall be between 0.4 and 3.0 parts per million. The pool shall be cleaned daily, and the chlorine level and pH level shall be tested before each use. The results of these tests shall be recorded and available if requested.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
An individual with a life-saving certificate or an individual with training in CPR who can swim shall be in attendance while any child in foster care is using a swimming pool		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each swimming pool more than six feet in width, length, or diameter shall be provided with a ring buoy and rope or with a shepherd's hook. The equipment shall be of sufficient length to reach the center of the pool from each edge of the pool.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Wading pools on the premises		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No child in foster care shall be permitted to play without adult supervision in any area where there is a wading pool containing water. The water in each wading pool shall be emptied daily. 		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Hot tubs on the premises		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each hot tub shall be covered when not in use with an insulated, rigid cover secured by locks or surrounded by a fence that meets the requirements listed for a swimming pool. 		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
The chlorine and pH levels shall be tested and maintained as required by the manufacturer's specifications for use.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each licensee shall ensure that no child in foster care less than four years of age uses a hot tub. Each licensee shall ensure that each child in foster care four years of age and older is permitted to use the hot tub only in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and recommendations for use.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Swimming and water activities off premises		
Any child in foster care who knows how to swim and who is at least six years of age may be permitted to swim in ponds, lakes, rivers, and other natural bodies of water that are approved for swimming by the county health department, the Kansas department of health and environment, or the designated authority in the state in which the swimming site is located.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each licensee shall ensure that each child in foster care while wading, swimming, or involved in other activities near, in, or on a pond, lake, river, or other natural body of water is directly supervised by a designated adult. 		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED

Each child in foster care who is a non-swimmer or who is less than six years of age shall wear a safety vest certified by the manufacturer as appropriate for the child's age and weight specifications, when wading or playing near a pond, lake, river, or other natural body of water or when boating.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each caregiver shall review boating and swimming safety rules with each child in foster care before the activity and shall be responsible for enforcing the safety rules.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
If a certified lifeguard is not on duty, an individual with a life-saving certificate or training in CPR who can swim shall be in attendance.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Animals: K.A.R. 28-4-825		
Each licensee shall ensure that when any animal is kept on the premises, the pet area is kept clean, with no evidence of flea, tick, or worm infestation in the area.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each licensee shall ensure that each animal that is in contact with any child in foster care meets the following requirements:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is in good health, with no evidence of disease; and • Is friendly and poses no threat to the health, safety, and well-being of children. 		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Each domesticated dog and each domesticated cat shall have a current rabies vaccination that is given by a veterinarian or given under the direct supervision of a veterinarian.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
A record of each current rabies vaccination shall be kept on file in the family foster home, and a copy shall be supplied to the sponsoring child-placing agency.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
If any animal that represents a hazard to children is on the premises, each child in foster care shall be protected from that animal.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED
Pit bulls, exotic animals, and venomous or constricting reptiles shall not be kept or brought on to the family foster home premises.		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> REVIEWED