

The language on the Safety Plan should reflect compliance with FAC and existing safety procedures.

1. Foster Home Safety

- (a) All Medications, poisonous chemicals, and cleaning materials must be in a **locked place and inaccessible to children.**
- (b) Alcoholic beverages should be stored out of reach of small children. To avoid access to alcoholic beverages by older children, it is recommended that these beverages be kept in a locked place.
- (c) If the substitute care parent owns a gun, the ammunition and unloaded firearm **must be kept separately in locked cabinets.**
- (d) Pets in the foster home must be vaccinated and their vaccinations must be current.
- (e) The substitute care parents must have a **method to restrict children's access to large pets or potentially dangerous animals.**
- (f) Transportation and access to a telephone must be immediately available for use in emergencies.

2. Tips for writing Safety Plans regarding dogs:

- 1) How many dogs, breed and approximate size
- 2) Safety assessment scores for each dog (include collateral info as needed such as statement from vet, LS observations, etc.)
- 3) Animal's history with children
- 4) Reasonable plan to restrict access
- 5) Acknowledgement of responsibility to ensure supervision and safety of foster child.

1. Other potential animal hazards in or around the home (such as horses, exotic pets, livestock)

- 1) Describe the animal breed and how many (approximate if the family raises livestock such as cows)
- 2) Safety assessment – will the child (ren) interact with the animal and under what circumstances, where is the animal housed, who is responsible for feeding and caring for the animal(s), LS observations, etc)
- 3) Is there any history of aggression or dangerous behavior
- 4) Plan to restrict access and provide supervision
- 5) Acknowledgement of responsibility to ensure supervision and safety of foster child.

2. Other potential safety hazards (trampoline, unscreened household member, home is located on a busy street, etc)

- 1) Describe the hazard and how it presents risk
- 2) Describe plan to reduce/ eliminate risk
- 3) Describe plan to supervise

Foster Family Safety Plan

Date:

Family Name:

Agency:

Family Development Specialist:

Identify each potential Safety Hazard in the home and discuss the risks, assessment and plan to ensure safety.

Safety Hazard: _____

Describe potential risk:

Safety Plan:

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Describe potential risk:

Safety Plan:

As a licensed foster parent, I/we acknowledge the responsibility to ensure a safety environment for foster children and to provide supervision for children.

Foster Parent date

Foster Parent date

Family Development Specialist date