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Pool/Hot Tub and Water Safety Checklist and Agreement for Foster Family Homes

Agency: _____

Family Name: _____

Licensed capacity: _____

Address: _____

Actual Capacity: _____

Phone Number: _____

Licensing Standards Checklist (65C-13)

Swimming Pool Safety:

1. Swimming pools must have a barrier on all sides of at least four sides of at least four feet in height.

Yes No

2. ALL access through the barrier must have one of the following safety features (specify which one):

Alarm

Key Lock

Self-locking doors

Bolt that is not accessible to children

3. When the swimming pool is not in use, all entry points must be locked. Yes No

4. Steps or ladders leading to above ground pools must be secured, locked or removed when the pool is not in use. Yes No

5. Hot tubs and spas shall be required to have a safety cover that is locked when not in use.

Yes No

6. Swimming pools must be equipped with one of the following life-saving devices. (Specify which one):

Ring Buoy

Rescue Tube

Other appropriate flotation device with a rope attached which is sufficient in length to cover the area

7. Substitute care parents must complete a Basic Water Safety Class. Yes Date _____ No
Provided by _____

8. Substitute care parents have been informed that:

Direct adult supervision is required when children are using the swimming pool, spa or hot tub, or are in the pool/waterfront area.

Children who are not proficient in swimming must wear a life jacket or approved flotation device when in the pool/waterfront area.

9. Substitute care homes located on or near water must have a safety plan in place to ensure supervision of children, security of all entry/exit points and a safe play area. Attach a Safety Plan that details:

- a) The foster family home has: swimming pool; hot tub/spa; water front area
- b) Describe each access point and security device(s): (e.g. one set of sliding doors from kitchen to pool area. Door is secured with an overhead pin lock, out of reach to small children; an alarm system that is always in use and a handle lock device.)
- c) Age match for family and plan for supervision when children are using the pool/spa or near water
- d) Describe the play area designated for children. If this excludes the waterfront or pool area, detail where children will be taken, such as a nearby park or playground.
- e) Any additional training or skills the foster family has that will impact safety, such as CPR.

Water and pool safety are the responsibility of the licensed foster parent. By signing this Agreement, the foster parent acknowledges that these standards have been reviewed and that the foster family home is in compliance with all safety regulations. Non-compliance with licensing standards regarding pool and water safety will result in an immediate administrative review and assessment for continued use of the home as a foster care resource.

Foster Parent

Date

Foster Parent

Date

Family Development Specialist

Date

This Safety Agreement has been reviewed by HKI/Contract Licensing Agency Supervisor and has been found to be in compliance with safety regulations and expectations for Foster Family Homes.

Supervisor

Date