



Your Childcare Safety Checklist

Below is a safety checklist for children's daycare that Gerber Life Insurance Company has put together to assist parents. It's meant as a guide to the kinds of things that parents may want to look for to help guard against injuries. A parent's instinct, good judgment and research remain best. Walk around the facility to see if there is anything that gives you pause. Does it seem clean? Is it designed for children? Do you see anything major that could cause injury? Are the children always supervised? Check off the following details as you go.

You're welcome to print out this guide and take it with you when evaluating prospective daycare centers or when visiting your child's current facility.



WALLS AND WINDOWS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Paint isn't peeling. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Electrical outlets are covered. Electrical cords are well maintained and out of reach. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Windows have window guards yet can be easily opened by adults in an emergency. Drapery cords are secured. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Exterior doors are secured so that children can't wander outside. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Emergency exits are marked and easily accessible. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Staircases have solid gates and gate latches. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Items on shelves, including purses, are kept out of children's reach. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cabinets that are not for children have safety latches. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cleaning products are secured away from children's reach. |



OUTDOOR PLAY AREAS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Play area is fenced. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Play equipment is safe, well kept and appropriate for children's age. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | No standing water, which could attract mosquitos. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | No hazards that could cause tripping or strangulation, such as dangling cords. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | No peeling paint. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | No lawn equipment and garden poisons accessible. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | No protruding nails, bolts, splintered wood, open S hooks, or other items that could cause injury. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Children required to remove clothing that has hoods and drawstrings. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Children never left unsupervised. |





INDOOR PLAY AREAS AND ADJOINING ROOMS

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| | Floors are free of clutter. Rugs are non-skid. |
| | Toys are clean, in good repair and safe for your child's age. |
| | Heavy items, such as televisions and large furniture, are secured or positioned so that children can't turn them over. |
| | Hot surfaces, such as radiators and stoves, are out of children's reach. |



INFANT CRIBS AND CHANGING TABLES

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| | Cribs comply with current Federal regulations . |
| | Cribs are free of pillows, stuffed animals and bumper pads. |
| | Cribs have mattresses that fit snugly and sheets that fit securely. |
| | Cribs and changing-table items are regularly washed with gentle, baby-safe detergents. |
| | Changing tables are sanitary and stocked with appropriate supplies such as wipes and diaper-rash cream. |



SAFETY PROCEDURES AND DEVICES

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| | Procedures for child drop-off and pick-up, such as sign-in/sign-out sheets or pre-approved list of guardians who are authorized to pick up your child. |
| | Caregiver certification in first aid and CPR. |
| | Working carbon monoxide detectors. |
| | Working smoke detectors. |
| | Good first-aid kit. |
| | Fire extinguisher. |
| | Evacuation plan. |



BATHROOM

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| | Bathroom door can be easily opened from the exterior by an adult. |
| | Bathroom door has a device that makes it close slowly and softly to help prevent squished fingers. |
| | Cabinets and medicine cabinets have latches. |
| | Nothing dangerous is accessible by children. |
| | Children are never left unsupervised. |

