

Health and Safety Requirements: I/DD Foster homes for Children Certification Checklist

Types of reviews: New Renewal Emergency Transfer Move
 Other: _____

Provider: _____

Address: _____

County: _____

If filling out by hand, please place a checkmark (✓) in the appropriate column.
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Codes: **NA = Not applicable** **NC = Non-compliant** **C = Compliant**

General conditions				Environmental standards	
NA	NC	C	Date/ initials	OAR #	411-346-0200 (1) General conditions:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(1) (a)	The buildings and furnishings must be clean and in good repair and grounds must be maintained and accessible according to the needs of the children residing in the home.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(1) (b)	Walls, ceilings, windows and floors must be of such character to permit frequent washing, cleaning or painting.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(1) (c)	There must be no accumulation of garbage, debris or rubbish.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(1) (d)	The home must have a safe, properly installed, maintained and operational heating system. Areas of the home used by the child in foster care must be maintained at normal comfort range during the day and during sleeping hours. During times of extreme summer heat, the provider must make reasonable effort to make the child comfortable using available ventilation, fans or air-conditioning.
(2) Exterior environment:					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(2) (a)	The premises must be free from objects, materials and conditions that constitute a danger to the occupants.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(2) (b)	Swimming pools, wading pools, ponds, hot tubs and trampolines must be maintained to assure safety, kept in clean condition, equipped with sufficient safety barriers or devices to prevent injury, and used by a child in foster care only under direct supervision by the provider or approved alternate caregiver.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(2) (c)	The home must have a safe outdoor play area on the property or within reasonable walking distance.
(3) Interior environment — Kitchen:					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (a) (A)	Equipment necessary for the safe preparation, storage, serving and cleanup of meals must be available and kept in working and sanitary condition.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3)(a) (B)	Meals must be prepared in a safe and sanitary manner that minimizes the possibility of food poisoning or food-borne illness.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (a) (C)	If the washer and dryer are located in the kitchen or dining room area, soiled linens and clothing must be stored in containers in an area separate from food and food storage prior to laundering.
Dining area:					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (b)	The home must have a dining area so the child in foster care may eat together with the foster family.
Living or family room:					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (c)	The home must have sufficient living or family room space that is furnished and accessible to all members of the family including the child in foster care.
Bedrooms used by the child in foster care must:					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (d) (A)	Have adequate space for the age, size and specific needs of each child.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (d) (B)	Be finished and attached to the house, have walls or partitions of standard construction that go from floor to ceiling.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (d) (C) (i)	Have an entrance door that: Opens directly to hallway or common use room without passage through another bedroom or common bathroom.
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (d) (C) (ii) (I)	Meet the following requirements for the use of locks; Locks must be single action release; and
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (d) (C) (ii) (II)	For a child under the age of 18, a lock is only permitted when the ISP team has determined that a lock is a safe and appropriate means to support the privacy and independence of the child; or
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (d) (C) (ii) (III)	For a child age 18 or older, a lock is required unless there is a health or safety risk and an individually-based limitation has been implemented in accordance with OAR 411-004-0040 .
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (d) (D)	Have windows that open, provide sufficient natural light and ventilation with window coverings that take into consideration the safety, care needs, and privacy of the child;
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (d) (E)	Have no more than four children to a bedroom.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (d) (F)	Have safe, age appropriate furnishings that are in good repair provided for each child, including:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (d) (F) (i)	A bed or crib with a frame unless otherwise documented by an ISP team decision, a clean comfortable mattress and a water proof mattress cover if the child is incontinent.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (d) (F) (ii)	A private dresser or similar storage area for personal belongings that is readily accessible to the child.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (d) (F) (iii)	A closet or similar storage area for clothing that is readily accessible to the child.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (d) (F) (iv)	An adequate supply of clean bed linens, blankets and pillows. Bed linens are to be properly fitting and provided for each child's bed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (d) (G)	Be on the ground level for a child who is non-ambulatory or has impaired mobility.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (d) (H)	Provide flexibility in the decoration for the personal tastes and expressions of the child placed in the provider's home.
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (d) (I)	Be in close enough proximity to the provider to alert the provider to nighttime needs or emergencies or be equipped with a working monitor.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (d) (J)	Have no three-tier bunk beds in bedrooms occupied by a child in foster care.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (d) (K)	Not be located on the third floor or higher from the ground level.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (e)	A child of the foster provider may not be required to sleep in a room also used for another purpose in order to accommodate a child in foster care.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (f) (A)	The foster provider may not permit the following sleeping arrangements for a child placed in their home: Children of different sexes in the same room when either child is over the age of five years of age; and
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (f) (B)	Children over the age of 12 months sharing a room with an adult.
Bathrooms must have:					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (g) (A) (i)	Tubs or showers, toilets and sinks operable and in good repair with hot and cold water.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (g) (A) (ii)	A sink located near each toilet.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (g) (A) (iii)	At least one toilet, one sink and one tub or shower for each six household occupants, including the provider and family.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (g) (A) (iv)	Hot and cold water in sufficient supply to meet the needs of the child for personal hygiene. Hot water temperature sources for bathing and cleaning areas that are accessible by the child in foster care may not exceed 120 degrees F.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (g) (A) (v)	Grab bars and non-slip floor surfaces for toilets, tubs or showers for the child's safety as necessary for the child's care needs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (g) (A) (vi)	Barrier-free access to toilet and bathing facilities with appropriate fixtures for a child who utilizes a wheel chair or other mechanical equipment for ambulation. Barrier free must be appropriate for the non-ambulatory child's needs for maintaining good personal hygiene.
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (g) (B)	The foster provider must provide each child with the appropriate personal hygiene and grooming items that meet each child's specific needs and minimize the spread of communicable disease.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(3) (g) (C)	Window coverings in bathrooms must take into consideration the safety, care needs and privacy of the child.
(4) General Safety:					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(4) (a)	The foster provider must protect the child from safety hazards.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(4) (b)	Stairways must be equipped with handrails.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(4) (c)	A functioning light must be provided in each room and stairway.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(4) (d)	In homes with a child in foster care three years of age or less, or a child with impaired mobility, the stairways must be protected with a gate or door.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(4) (e)	Hot water heaters must be equipped with a safety release valve and an overflow pipe that directs water to the floor or to another approved location.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(4) (f)	Adequate safeguards must be taken to protect a child who may be at risk for injury from electrical outlets, extension cords and heat-producing devices.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(4) (g)	The foster home must have operable phone service at all times that is available to all persons in the foster home, including when there are power outages. The home must have emergency phone numbers readily accessible and in close proximity to the phone.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(4) (h)	The foster provider must store all medications, poisonous chemicals and cleaning materials in a way that prevents access by a child.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(4) (i)	The foster provider must restrict a child's access to potentially dangerous animals. Only domestic animals may be kept as pets. Pets must be properly cared for and supervised.
NA	NC	C	Date/ initials	OAD #	(4) General Safety: (continued)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(4) (j)	Sanitation for household pets and other domestic animals must be adequate to prevent health hazards. Proof of rabies or other vaccinations as required by local ordinances must be made available to the Department upon request.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(4) (k)	The foster provider must take appropriate measures to keep the house and premises free of rodents and insects.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(4) (l)	To protect the safety of a child in foster care, the provider must store hunting equipment and weapons in a safe and secure manner inaccessible to the child.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(4)(m)	The foster provider must have first aid supplies in the home in a designated place easily accessible to adults.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(4) (n)	There must be emergency access to any room that has a lock.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(4) (o)	An operable flashlight, at least one per floor, must be readily available in case of emergency.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(4) (p)	House or mailbox numbers must be clearly visible and easy to read for easy identification by emergency vehicles.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(4) (q)	Use of video monitors must be only used as indicated in the ISP or BSP.
(5) Fire safety:					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(5) (a)	Smoke alarms must be installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, equipped with a device that warns of low battery and maintained to function properly.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(5) (a) (A)	A smoke alarm must be installed in each bedroom, adjacent hallways leading to the bedrooms, common living areas, basements and at the top of every stairway in multi-story homes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(5)(a) (B)	Ceiling placement of smoke alarms is recommended. If wall-mounted, smoke alarms must be mounted as per the manufacturer's instructions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(5) (b)	At least one fire extinguisher, minimally rated 2:A:10:B:C , must be visible and readily accessible on each floor, including basements. A qualified professional who is well versed in fire extinguisher maintenance must inspect every fire extinguisher at least once per year. FX Inspection Date / / . All recharging and hydrostatic testing must be completed by a qualified entity properly trained and equipped for this purpose.
NA	NC	C	Date/ initials	OAR #	(5) Fire safety: (continued)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(5) (c)	Use of space heaters must be limited to only electric space heaters equipped with tip-over protection. Space heaters must be plugged directly into the wall. Extension cords may not be used with space heaters. Freestanding kerosene, propane or liquid fuel space heaters may not be used in the foster home.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(5) (d)	An Emergency Evacuation Plan must be developed, posted and rehearsed at least once every 90 days with at least one drill practice per year occurring during sleeping hours. Alternate caregivers and other staff must be familiar with the Emergency Evacuation Plan and a new child placed in foster care must be familiar with the Emergency Evacuation Plan within 24 hours. Fire drill records must be retained for one year.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(5) (d) (A)	Fire drill evacuation rehearsal must document the date, time for full evacuation, location of proposed fire and names of all persons participating in the evacuation rehearsal.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(5) (d) (B)	The foster provider must be able to demonstrate the ability to evacuate all children in foster care from the home within three minutes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(5) (e)	Foster homes must have two unrestricted exits in case of fire. A sliding door or window that may be used to evacuate a child may be considered a usable exit.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(5) (f)	Barred windows or doors used for possible exit in case of fire must be fitted with operable quick release mechanisms.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(5)(g)	Every bedroom used by a child in foster care must have at least one operable window, of a size that allows safe rescue, with safe and direct exit to the ground, or a door for secondary means of escape or rescue.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(5) (h)	All external and inside doors must have simple hardware with an obvious method of operation that allows for safe evacuation from the home. A home with a child that is known to leave their place of residence without permission must have a functional and activated alarm system to alert the foster provider.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(5) (i)	Fireplaces and wood stoves must include secure barriers to keep a child safe from potential injury and away from exposed heat sources.
NA	NC	C	Date/ initials	OAR #	(5) Fire safety: (continued)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(5) (j)	Solid or other fuel-burning appliances, stoves or fireplaces must be installed according to manufacturer's specifications and under permit, where applicable. All applicants applying for a new child foster home certificate after July 1, 2007 must have at least one carbon monoxide sensor installed in the home in accordance with manufacturer's instructions if the home has solid or other fuel-burning appliances, stoves or fireplaces. All foster providers certified prior to July 1, 2007 and moving to a new location that uses solid or other fuel-burning appliances, stoves or fireplaces, must install a carbon monoxide sensor in the home in accordance with manufacturer's instructions prior to being certified at the new location.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(5) (k)	Chimneys must be inspected at the time of initial certification and if necessary the chimney must be cleaned. Chimneys must be inspected annually unless the fireplace and or solid fuel-burning appliance was not used through the certification period and may not be used in the future. Required annual chimney inspections must be made available to the certifying agency during the certification renewal process.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(5) (l)	A signed statement by the foster provider and certifying agency assuring that the fireplace, or solid fuel-burning appliance, or both may not be in use must be submitted to the Department with the renewal application if a chimney inspection is not completed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(5) (m)	Flammable and combustible materials must be stored away from any heat source.
(6) Sanitation and Health					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(6) (a)	A public water supply must be utilized if available. If a non-municipal water source is used, the water source must be tested for Coliform bacteria by a certified agent yearly and records retained for two years. Corrective action must be taken to ensure portability.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(6) (b)	All plumbing must be kept in good working order. If a septic tank or other non-municipal sewage disposal system is used, it must be in good working order.
NA	NC	C	Date/ initials	OAR #	(6) Sanitation and Health: (continued)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(6) (c)	Garbage and refuse must be suitably stored in readily cleanable, rodent proof, covered containers and removed weekly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(6) (d) (A)	Smoking: The foster provider may not provide tobacco products in any form to a child under the age of 18 placed in their home.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(6) (d) (B)	A child in foster care may not be exposed to second hand smoke in the foster home or when being transported.
(7) Transportation safety:					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(7) (a)	The foster providers must ensure that safe transportation is available for children to access schools, recreation, churches, scheduled medical care, community facilities and urgent care.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(7) (b)	If there is not a licensed driver and vehicle available at all times, there must be a plan for urgent and routine transportation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(7) (c)	The foster provider must maintain all vehicles used to transport a child in a safe operating condition and must ensure that a first aid kit is in each vehicle.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(7) (d)	All motor vehicles owned by the foster provider and used for transporting a child must be insured to include liability.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(7) (e)	Only licensed adult drivers must transport a child in foster care in a motor vehicle. The motor vehicle must be insured to include liability.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		(7) (f)	When transporting a child in foster care, the driver must ensure that the child uses seat belts or appropriate safety seats. Car seats or seat belts must be used for transporting a child in accordance with the Department of Transportation under ORS 815.055 .

I understand that I must correct any safety deficiencies noted and maintain my home in compliance with the above standards in order to qualify for a child foster home certificate. All items on the Safety Checklist have been discussed and reviewed with the certifier and to the best of my knowledge are in compliance with the rules. Fire Safety Standards, for which there are no variances, have been examined and the foster provider agrees to maintain compliance.

Fire safety evacuation plan:

Foster provider signature: _____ Date: _____

Co-provider signature: _____ Date: _____

Foster certifier signature: _____ Date: _____

County/region: _____

Certifier recommendations: Approve Disapprove (*Please document reason*)

Certification capacity: _____

Comments: (*Attach additional comments on a separate sheet of paper*)

