

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services  
**SAFETY AUDIT**

Name of Caregiver #1	Name of Caregiver #2	
Address	Name of Caregiver #3 (if applicable)	Provider ID
Name of Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial Foster/Adopt <input type="checkbox"/> Recertification / Update	<input type="checkbox"/> Relocation / Renovation <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

**All items listed can be found in rule 5101:2-7-12 of the Administrative Code.**

1.	The home and all structures associated with the home are maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition and in a reasonable state of repair.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.	Swimming pool on foster home property has barriers on all sides, access through the safety barrier equipped with a safety device such as a bolt lock, a life saving device such as a ring buoy and a working pump if it cannot be emptied after each use.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3.	Hot tub and spas on foster home property have a safety cover which is locked when not in use.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
4.	Outdoor recreation equipment on the grounds of the foster home is maintained in a safe state of repair.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
5.	Potentially hazardous outdoor areas on the grounds of or immediately adjacent to the foster home are reasonably safeguarded.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
6.	The home is adequately heated, lighted and ventilated.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.	Bleach, cleaning materials, other poisonous or corrosive household chemicals, flammable and combustible materials, potentially dangerous tools/utensils, and electrical equipment, machinery or alcoholic beverages in or on the grounds of the foster home are stored in a safe manner preventing the child's access, as appropriate for his or her age and development.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
8.	Firearm, air rifles, hunting slingshot or other projectile weapons kept on the grounds of or in the foster home are stored in an inoperative condition in a locked area inaccessible to children.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
9.	Ammunition, arrows or projectiles for weapons are stored in a locked area in the foster home separate from the weapon.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
10.	There is reasonable access to a working phone for emergency situations	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
11.	Emergency telephone numbers posted in the foster home: <input type="checkbox"/> Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Police <input type="checkbox"/> Squad/Rescue <input type="checkbox"/> Poison Control <input type="checkbox"/> Recommending Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Placing Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
12.	All locks on at least one door to any room or walk in storage area inside the foster home in which a person could become confined, and from which the only other means of exit requires the use of a key, shall be able to be unlocked from either side.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
13.	The home has a continuous supply of safe drinking water. If well water is used for drinking and cooking, it was tested and approved by the health department prior to initial certification or approval (and annually thereafter for foster care).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
14.	The foster home has working bathroom and toilet facilities located within the home and connected to an indoor plumbing system.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
15.	The foster home ensures a proper water heater temperature not to exceed 120 degrees Fahrenheit.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
16.	Garbage shall be disposed of on a regular basis from the foster home. Garbage stored outside the foster home shall be in covered containers or closed bags.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
17.	The home has a working smoke alarm approved by "Underwriter's Laboratory" or a certified fire inspector on each level of occupancy and at least one alarm near all sleeping areas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
18.	The home has a working carbon monoxide detector on each level of occupancy of the home and at least one near all sleeping areas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
19.	The foster home has first aid supplies.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

20.	The foster home has a written evacuation plan for evacuating the home or seeking shelter in the event of fire, tornado or other disaster.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
21.	The evacuation plan of the foster home contains a primary and alternate escape for each floor, and the escape routes are kept free of clutter and other obstructions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
22.	All heaters used in the foster home are approved by "Underwriter's Laboratory" or a certified fire inspector and are equipped with safeguards in accordance with age and functioning level of foster children in the home. Unvented heaters that burn kerosene or oil are not used.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
23.	The foster home has an "Underwriter's Laboratory" approved or certified fire inspector approved portable fire extinguisher in working order in or near the cooking area of the home.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
24.	The foster home is free from rodents and insect infestation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
25.	Pets or domestic animals in or on the premises of the foster home are kept in a safe and sanitary manner in accordance with state and/or local laws.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
26.	Interior and exterior stairways in the foster home accessible to children are protected by child safety gates or doors according to the child's age and functioning level.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Will Obtain
27.	The foster home provides a smoke free environment for foster children.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
28.	If the foster home has peeling or chipping paint, the recommending agency is to make a referral to the appropriate agency.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
29.	All prescription drugs in the foster home are stored in a locked cabinet or storage area except that an inhaler or medication may be left unlocked if a person has a special health condition that requires it to be immediately available.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
30.	Each foster child's bedroom has an outside wall window that is screened and capable of opening and closing or the room has a fresh air ventilation system.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
31.	Bedrooms for foster children accommodate no more than four children.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
32.	Bedrooms for foster children provide reasonable access to an emergency exit.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
33.	Bedrooms for foster children are not located on a floor higher than the second floor or in a basement unless approved in writing by a fire safety inspector.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
34.	A bunk bed in use for a foster child is equipped with safety rails on the upper tier for a child under the age of ten years, or an older child who needs such protection.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
35.	Cribs used for foster children under two years of age or under 35 inches in height are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• full-sized</li> <li>• slats no more than 2 3/8 inches apart</li> <li>• no decorative cutout areas on end panels which could entrap a child's head</li> <li>• compliant with the U.S Consumer Product Safety Commission</li> <li>• mattress is at least 1½ inches thick and covered with a waterproof material</li> <li>• mattress is close enough to the frame that there is no more than one inch between the mattress and sides of the crib</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  <input type="checkbox"/> Will Obtain Crib Manufacture Date: _____
36.	If a bassinet is used in the foster home, it is used only for infants less than 15 lbs. in weight.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
37.	All vehicles used to transport foster children are covered by liability insurance in accordance with current state laws.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
38.	In accordance with the age and weight of foster children placed in the home, child restraint seats or booster seats are available for use in vehicles used to transport foster children.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  <input type="checkbox"/> Will Obtain

**Assessor and Supervisor Action: Check one or both boxes below and sign indicating approval or need for a fire safety inspection**

- I.  I certify that based on my observations of this home on this date, this home appears to be reasonably safe for placement of a foster or adoptive child (ren).
  
- II.  Based on my observations of this home on this date, the required fire inspection will need to be completed before a decision can be made regarding the safety of the home.

Assessor Signature	Date
Supervisor Signature	Date

Date Fire Safety Inspection Was Conducted
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**Note: Completion of this form is required by Chapter 5101:2-5 and Chapter 5101:2-48 of the Ohio Administrative Code.**