Child Foster Care (CFC) – Prior to licensure the foster home must be inspected by a licensing agency employee using the home safety checklist from the Commissioner of human services. Reference Minnesota Rules, part 2960.3050, subpart. 1. Items on this home safety checklist may not be deleted or altered.

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Emergency Procedures
The following items must be posted and/or readily accessible in a prominent location in a common area of the home where they can be easily observed by a person responding to an incident.

- Yes  No  1. A list of emergency phone numbers.
- Yes  No  2. A written fire/emergency escape plan
- Yes  No  3. An operable flashlight and radio or television set that does not require electricity.
- Yes  No  4. Accessible first-aid supplies.
- Yes  No  5. An operable telephone.

Physical Environment

- Yes  No  1. Exit doors and windows are not obstructed and are easily opened from the inside.
- Yes  No  2. The wiring appears safe; no known hazards exist.
- Yes  No  3. Extension cords are appropriately used and are not used in place of permanent wiring.
- Yes  No  4. A fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A:10BC is maintained in the home.
- Yes  No  5. All smoke detectors work and are properly installed on all levels of the home.
- Yes  No  6. All interior doors can be unlocked from the outside and the opening device is readily accessible in case of emergency.
- Yes  No  7. Home is clean and free from accumulations of dirt, grease, garbage, peeling paint, vermin and insects.
- Yes  No  8. Outside property is free from debris and safety hazards. Exterior stairs and walkways are free of ice and snow.
- Yes  No  9. Fireplaces, wood burning stoves, and hot surfaces are protected by guards in order to prevent burns.
- Yes  No  10. Furnaces are maintained in good working condition.

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☐ Yes  ☐ No  1. Knives, tools, matches, and other potentially hazardous materials are not accessible based on the ages of the children and identified safety concerns and behaviors specific to each child in care.

☐ Yes  ☐ No  2. Chemicals, detergents, and other toxic substances are not stored with food products or accessible in any way that poses a risk to children.

☐ Yes  ☐ No  3. Combustible items are properly stored at least 36” from any heating sources.

☐ Yes  ☐ No  4. Individual clean bed linens, towels, and wash cloths are provided for each foster child.

☐ Yes  ☐ No  5. Food is handled and properly stored to prevent contamination, spoilage, or a threat to the health of children.

☐ Yes  ☐ No  6. Medication is not accessible to children. Schedule II controlled substances are stored in a locked area.

☐ N/A (no Schedule II controlled substances in the home)

☐ Yes  ☐ No  7. There is a safe water supply in the home.

☐ Yes  ☐ No  8. The water temperature does not exceed 120 degrees Fahrenheit in order to prevent scalding.

☐ Yes  ☐ No  9. Weapons and ammunition are stored separately in locked areas that are not accessible or visible to children. Weapons include firearms and other instruments or devices designed for and capable of producing bodily harm.

☐ N/A (no weapons in the home)

Sleeping Space for Foster Children &
Reduction of Risk of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death

☐ Yes  ☐ No  1. The sleeping space for foster children has two exits. If the sleeping space for foster children is in an area of the home not normally used for sleeping, describe the alternative sleeping arrangements:

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Check here if care WILL NOT be provided to infants ☐ If checked, do not complete the items below.

☐ Yes  ☐ No  2. A safe crib is available and used for each infant in care.

(Before placing an infant in foster care, the agency must verify that there is a safe crib in the home).

☐ Yes  ☐ No  3. Infants younger than one year of age in care are placed to sleep on their back, in a crib, directly on a firm mattress.
☐ Yes  ☐ No  4. If an infant is not placed to sleep on their back, there is documentation from the infant’s physician directing an alternative sleeping position for the infant. The physician directive must be on a form approved by the commissioner.

☐ Yes  ☐ No  5. The crib’s firm mattress has a fitted sheet, appropriate to the mattress size that fits tightly on the mattress, and overlaps the underside of the mattress so it cannot be dislodged by pulling on the corner of the sheet with reasonable effort.

☐ Yes  ☐ No  6. Nothing is placed in the crib with the infant except for the infant’s pacifier.

☐ Yes  ☐ No  7. Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.1435 **Reduction of Risk of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death in Licensed Programs** has been reviewed by all caregivers. All caregivers agree to comply with the requirements of this section.

Comments/explanation for obvious safety hazards or concerns:

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Applicant/License Holder                                                                                      Date

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Agency Worker                          Date