

Connecting Hearts Home Study Safety Checklist

1. The home and all structures associated with the home are maintained in a clean, safe, uncluttered, healthful and sanitary condition and in a reasonable state of repair.

Yes No N/A Comments: _____

2. Outdoor recreation equipment on the grounds of the home is maintained in a safe state of repair.

Yes No N/A Comments: _____

3. Garbage and rubbish are stored outside in covered containers and removed once every week.

Yes No N/A Comments: _____

4. Potentially hazardous outdoor areas on the grounds of or immediately adjacent to the home are reasonably safeguarded. Steep grades, cliffs, open pits, swimming pools, high voltage boosters or high speed roads shall be fenced off or have barriers in place.

Yes No N/A Comments: _____

5. Hallways and entry ways are free of obstructions at all times. Fire exits are accessible.

Yes No N/A Comments: _____

6. Furniture must be clean comfortable and in good repair. Porches, decks, and stairs must have railings and open staircases shall have a child-safe gate if there are young children. Safeguards must be taken to protect small children from contact with fireplaces or other hot surfaces.

Yes No N/A Comments: _____

7. The home is adequately heated, lighted and ventilated. No space heaters are allowed. All unused electrical outlets shall have safety shields if there are young children.

Yes No N/A Comments: _____

8. Bleach, cleaning materials and other poisonous or corrosive household chemicals, flammable and combustible materials, potentially dangerous tools or utensils and electrical equipment or machinery in or on the grounds of the home are stored in a safe manner.

Yes No N/A Comments: _____

9. Firearms, air rifles, hunting slingshot or other projectile weapons kept on the grounds of or in the home are stored in an inoperative condition in a locked area inaccessible to children. Firearms and ammunition are stored separately from each other. No explosives on the premises.

Yes No N/A Comments: _____

10. The home has working bathroom and toilet facilities located within the home and connected to an indoor plumbing system. If there is a septic tank it is checked regularly. Water from a private well is also checked regularly.

Yes No N/A Comments: _____

11. The home has working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. They are approved by the "Underwriter's Laboratory" and found on each level of the occupancy including the basement. Fire alarms are checked regularly. Fire extinguishers are available and inspected and serviced annually.

Yes No N/A Comments: _____

12. Each child's bedroom has an outside wall window that is screened and capable of opening and closing, unless the room has a fresh air ventilation system. The room should be adequate for an emergency escape or rescue.

Yes No N/A Comments: _____

13. Bedrooms have sufficient space. Children of the opposite sex shall not sleep in the same room unless they are biological siblings and under the age of 8.

Yes **No** **N/A** **Comments:** _____

14. Doors shall be operable from the inside without the use of a key or special effort excluding the doors to secure the home.

Yes **No** **N/A** **Comments:** _____

15. A bunk bed in use for a child is equipped with safety rails on the upper tier for a child under the age of 10.

Yes **No** **N/A** **Comments:** _____

16. Cribs used for children under two years of age or under 35 inches in height are full sized, with slats no more than 2 3/8 inches apart, no decorative cutouts on the crib and panels which could entrap a child's head. Locks and latches on the drop side of the crib are safe and secure from accidental release or release by the child inside the crib, the mattress is at least 1 1/2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof material not dangerous to the child and fits close enough to the frame so there is no more than one inch between the mattress and side of the crib.

Yes **No** **N/A** **Comments:** _____

17. Tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances should be inaccessible to children.

Yes **No** **N/A** **Comments:** _____

18. Domestic animals which reside in the house shall be current on all vaccinations, licensed and housed in appropriate enclosures at night. Inside animals must be kept away from family food and house broken. Children must be educated in the safe and appropriate handling of the animals,

Yes **No** **N/A** **Comments:** _____

19. The family has a working telephone within the home or reasonable access to a working telephone for emergency situations. Emergency telephone numbers are posted by the telephone. The family has a written plan for action in case of emergencies which includes procedures for relocation and evacuation of the children.

Yes **No**

20. First aid kits are readily available and accessible in the home. There is a first aid kit in their car.

Yes **No** **N/A** **Comments:** _____

What items need to be corrected in order to have this home study approved? (Initial items as finished)

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Home Study Consultant

Date