

## ADOPTIVE HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

Name of Prospective Adoptive Parent(s)		
Address		
Phone Number(s)		

These minimum requirements are being provided in advance of your home study. As applicable, documentation of compliance with these requirements shall be on file with Adoption Center of Illinois. Prospective adoptive parents will adhere to the following Adoption-Only Home standards: [https://www2.illinois.gov/dcfs/aboutus/notices/Documents/Policy\\_Guide\\_2017.04.pdf](https://www2.illinois.gov/dcfs/aboutus/notices/Documents/Policy_Guide_2017.04.pdf)

**Please initial each of the following standards to confirm your understanding:**

Standard	PAP#1 Initials	PAP#2 Initials
Home is clean, well ventilated, properly lighted and heated, with no safety hazards.		
Water supply shall comply with the requirements of the local and State health departments. The maximum hot water temperature from all showers and bathtubs shall be maintained at no less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit and no more than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.		
Portable space heaters may be used as a supplementary source of heat if it has been safety-certified by OSHA and used in accordance with local and State building and fire codes. Portable space heaters may not be used in rooms where children are sleeping or unattended. Any portable heater on the Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) recall list shall not be used.		
Toxic household supplies, batteries, and dangerous tools shall be kept in a safe location that cannot be accessed by children who are not age and developmentally appropriate as determined by the adoptive parent. These items shall remain inaccessible to children during disposal.		
When not being dispensed or immediately accessible due to medical necessity, prescription and nonprescription drugs shall be kept in places that are not readily accessible to children. Expired or unused medications, syringes, medical waste or medication shall remain inaccessible to children during disposal.  Where is medication stored?		
An operating telephone (landline or cell) is in the home.		
The home shall be equipped with a minimum of one operable fire extinguisher and one approved smoke detector in operating condition on every floor level and within 15 feet of sleeping areas, including basements and occupied upper-level areas, in accordance with Section 3 of the Smoke Detector Act [425 ILCS 60/3].		
A home that is not exempted by Section 20 of the Carbon Monoxide Alarm Detector Act [430 ILCS 135] shall be equipped with a minimum of one approved carbon monoxide detector within 15 feet of every sleeping room, in accordance with Section 10 of that Act. Homes that do not rely on the burning of fuel for heat, ventilation or hot water; are not connected to a garage; and are not near a source of carbon monoxide are not required to install carbon monoxide detectors.		

<input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if your home is exempt from the Carbon Monoxide Detector Act.		
Each child shall be provided their own separate bed or crib. No crib shall be used when it is on the Consumer Product Safety Commission's recall list. Safe sleep guidelines issued by the American Academy of Pediatrics shall be followed.		
The home shall be free from unsafe child products. The IDPH list of unsafe products was reviewed prior to the home visit. <a href="http://srs.dph.illinois.gov/webapp/SRSApp/pages/index.jsp">http://srs.dph.illinois.gov/webapp/SRSApp/pages/index.jsp</a>		
Prospective adoptive parent(s) will maintain, at minimum, liability coverage in accordance with the motor vehicle law on the identified motor vehicle used to transport children.		
No child shall be subjected to corporal punishment, verbal abuse, threats or derogatory remarks about their family. Corporal punishment may herein be defined as any type of physical punishment, discipline, or retaliation inflicted upon any part of the body of a child. This would include such actions as slapping, hitting, punching, spanking, shoving, pinching or any other type of action geared toward inflicting pain or body discomfort upon a child. In many instances, the use of corporal punishment may result in a child abuse investigation by the DCFS division of Child Protection and an indicated finding of abuse, with a subsequent record of child abuse in the State's Central Registry.		
<b>Please review and complete the following standards:</b>		
<b>Standard</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>N/A</b>
If well water is used, a copy of the Illinois Public Health Inspection report and Compliance with Regulations shall be on file with the supervising agency.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pools, ponds, hot tubs, outdoor fountains, decorative water ponds, fishponds, or other water hazards?  1) All in-ground swimming pools located in areas accessible to children shall be fenced and/or have a power safety cover that meets standards in the American Society for Testing & Materials that the Consumer Product Safety Commission has adopted. The fence shall encompass the entire pool and be at least 4 feet in height and secured by a lockable gate.  2) All above-ground pools shall have non-climbable sidewalls that are at least 4 feet high or shall have a 4-foot fence that encompasses the entire pool and is no closer than 36 inches away from the pool's side wall and secured with a lockable gate. When the pool is not in use, the pool's steps shall be removed or shall be separated by the fence and locked gate.  3) All hot tubs shall be enclosed by a 4-foot fence with a lockable gate, or shall have a securely fitted and lockable cover.  4) All portable wading pools shall be enclosed with a 4-foot fence and lockable gate, or they shall be emptied and sanitized daily.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, to water hazards, please describe:		
No firearms possessed in violation of a State or federal law or a local government ordinance shall be present in the home at any time. Loaded guns shall not be kept in an adoptive home unless required by law enforcement officers and in accordance with their law enforcement agency's safety procedures. Any and all firearms and ammunition shall be secured in separate and locked storage receptacles that are specifically manufactured to keep firearms and ammunition secure. Any key(s) or combination/code needed to access said firearms or ammunition shall be kept in a location unknown and not readily accessible to children or be carried by the licensee. Access to said key(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

is the full responsibility of the adoptive parent.		
If yes, to firearms, Firearms Location (location must be inaccessible to children): Ammunition Location (locked storage that is separate from any firearms):		
The home shall comply with all federal, state, county and municipal codes regarding household pets and other animals, including exotic animals. Certificates of inoculation for rabies for cats and dogs shall be available for inspection. Any individual animals with aggressive or dangerous behavior towards any person will be restricted from contact with children at all times.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, what pets do you have in home?		
<b>Please complete the following:</b>		
Describe <b>Child Supervision Plan</b> once child is placed in home (daycare, nanny, etc.):		
<b>Fire Evacuation Plan</b> In case of a fire, what are the planned exit doors and windows of escape in your home? If you reside in a two-story home and your child(ren)'s bedrooms are on the upper level what are the means of escape in case the children cannot exit down the stairs? Where is the safe location outside your home where every family member is supposed to meet and be accounted for? What is your procedure for making sure everyone is aware of the evacuation plan for your home? How often do you check smoke alarms in your home to ensure they are in working order?		
Additional comments in regards to above:		

Signing below constitutes the understanding and agreement to the above statements.

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Adoptive applicant    Date

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Adoptive applicant    Date