

Tips and Helpful Information from Child Care Licensing!

Q: What does “inaccessible” or “out of reach” mean in child care?

A: A child cannot get to it or access it. The item must be locked away (traditional lock or child-proof lock) or high enough on a shelf that the tallest child present cannot reach it.

Q: Is it okay to put something in a drawer that the child knows they should not open?

A: Unfortunately, no. Labeling or saying a drawer, for example) is for “grown ups only” isn’t acceptable. If the child can get to the item – it is considered accessible and within reach regardless of what you tell them.

Cleanliness:

- CLLU understands toys will get dirty from play... please remember to wash and sanitize often.. some toys need a soap and water scrub down.. especially the Fisher Price style barns and houses... go check all those grooves and tricky spots where dirt can stick... soap and water and a toothbrush are recommended to help combat the build up!
 - A fun idea: make it a sensory activity with your children! (spraying with sanitizers can often create a tacky surface that dirt likes to cling to)
- Look at your spaces from all angles... get on the floor and become the height of toddlers... you may discover dirty spots you didn’t notice before
- Plastic dramatic play furniture and electronics (TVs, computers) are magnets for dust... they may need more attention

Approved Sanitizers (for washing tables before and after meals, diaper changing stations, etc.)

- Examples: Clorox wipes, bleach & water mix, etc.

Softsoap® is a brand of hand soap that doesn’t say “Keep Out Of Reach Of Children” on it!

Sunblock:

- please remember to communicate with families and apply sunblock per manufacturer’s instructions

Safe sleep for children under 12 months:

- No hoods, no bibs, no blankets, no soft items, no pacifier attached to a strap or a stuffed toy in the crib or playpen
- Just a baby on their back... if parents are concerned over temperature, a sleep sack is recommended (no “Zipadees” or “Merlin Magic Sleep suits” .. nothing that says “restricts movement”)
- Tight fitting sheets... see item below: they can be used to help tighten loose sheets
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Rescue Medications/Inhalers

- Do not lock up your life saving meds during operating hours
- EpiPens and lifesaving inhalers should “live” with the child who has the allergy
- Should be out of reach
- Should travel with the child if they spend time in different rooms or go outside

Absorptive Surface:

- remember to keep items that involve climbing, etc., off of hard ground (cement, tar, etc.)

Below is optional if we get LE forms on the web...

Helpful links and forms *(you are not required to use our forms... but they do meet the rule and are meant to be helpful):*

Our website: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oos/cclu/>

The rules: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oos/cclu/documents/he-c4002.pdf>

Injury report: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oos/cclu/documents/injuryreport.pdf>

Fire Drill log (newest version): <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oos/cclu/documents/firedrilllog.pdf>

Child Abuse & Neglect State Forms link: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oos/cclu/out-of-state-checks.htm>

Staff and child combined attendance: (just my favorite version... if you like it and want to be able to manipulate it, email me and I'll send you the excel version!):

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oos/cclu/documents/child-staff-attend.pdf>