

Glossary

Americans with Disabilities Act-- Prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities

Auxiliary aids-- A public accommodation that enable persons with disabilities to participate in a program or activity

Bio contaminants-- Bacteria, enzymes, fungi, or viruses that can be harmful to animals or humans if inhaled, swallowed, or otherwise absorbed

Building and physical premises--The actual building that houses the child care program, as well as, the outdoor play area, walkways, and access points

Children with special health care needs-- Children with chronic, debilitating illnesses that may require special medical care and care coordination

Cross contamination --Transfer of bacteria from one surface to another

Direct supervision--Actively watching and directing children's activities

Emergency preparedness plan--Course of action developed to mitigate the damage of potential events that could endanger the children in the child care program

Fall prevention --Steps taken to reduce the risk of falls, includes: ensuring there are no tripping hazards, the placement of toys and equipment, and direct supervision of children

Food storage--A designated space within the food prep area or a space not included in the calculated usable square footage; food can be stored in cans, boxes, plastic containers, or bags

Food temperature--Food must be cooked and maintained at the proper temperature to prevent foodborne illness; to prevent bacterial growth, the acceptable temperature to refrigerate cooked food should be between 32 and 40 degrees and to keep cooked foods hot is above 140 degrees

Hand washing--Cleaning one's hands with or without the use of water or another liquid and with the use of soap to remove dirt, soil, or microorganisms

Hazardous substances--Any substance that has one or more of the following properties: explosiveness, flammability, ability to oxidize, or human toxicity

Local fencing ordinances--Rules or requirements for fencing, may specify height of fence, materials, and location

Integrated pest management--Eco system based strategy that focuses on long term prevention of pests; uses biological control, habitat manipulation, and modification of cultural practices

Maintenance--Regular checks and proper upkeep of toys, equipment, and facility

Outdoor play area--Fenced area outside the building that allows children to play in an outdoor environment, must have 45 square feet per child for 50% of the licensed capacity

Play area surface or ground cover--Shock absorbent surface placed in the fall zone of any structures or equipment a child may fall off of; includes materials such as mulch, sand, shredded rubber, or padding

Readily achievable--Easily accomplished and able to be carried out without much difficulty

Reasonable modifications-- Structural or environmental changes made to the existing premises or classroom to accommodate a person with a disability

Refrigeration/freezing--Refrigerators must be kept at 41 degrees or below for proper cooling; freezers must be kept at 0 degrees to keep frozen goods solidly frozen

Sanitization--To make free from dirt, infection, disease, etc., by properly cleaning it

Shock prevention--Covering all accessible outlets to prevent the risk of electric shock

Square footage requirement-- Outdoor spaces are required to have 45 square feet per child for 50% of the licensed capacity; indoor square footage must be equivalent to 35 square feet per child, excluding kitchens, bathrooms, hallways and offices. The exception to this requirement is programs licensed prior to October 1992 which are required to have 20 square feet per child.

Strangulation hazard--Strings and cords long enough to encircle a child's neck

Space requirement--Infants must have space outside their cribs to allow for tummy time and exploration; this space may be interchangeable with crib space if cribs are moved out of the way when infants are on the floor

Supervision--The act of overseeing the activities or behavior of others

Touch supervision--Keeping swimming children within arm's reach and in sight at all times

Undue burden--Significantly difficult or expensive