

**CoramBAAF (C&R) - Home
safety check****Applicant/Carer details**

This form is intended for completion by the assessing social worker in partnership with applicant/ s for adoption, foster care or special guardianship or with foster carer/s as part of the foster carer review process. The assessing social worker should be familiar with CoramBAAF Practice Note 61, Home Safety Checks in Fostering and Adoption (2016) or the relevant chapter in Checks and References in Fostering and Adoption (Adams, 2017). **Name of applicants/carers**

Name

Date of safety check

Smoke alarms (BS EN 14604:2005) are fitted and working on every level of the house☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe

Date tested

Smoke alarm batteries have been replaced within the last year☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe

Date replaced

Safety Checks

Fire safety

~~Chimney flues have been inspected and swept within the last year (smokeless fuel) or six months (wood/coal)~~

☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe

Date

Matches and lighters are safely stored (locked away or at or above adult eye height)

☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe

Escape routes are planned, appropriate and understood by household members (household fire plan)

☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe

Keys to window locks are accessible to adults and responsible children and young people, but not other children

☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe

A fireguard (BS 8423: 2010) and/or spark guard is used as appropriate on open fires and solid fuel burners

☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe

Electricity sockets are not overloaded (should not exceed 13 amps)

☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe

There is no evidence of scorched sockets, frayed wires or anything to suggest an electrical check is needed

☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe

Any electrical work has been completed by a qualified and registered electrician

☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe

Falls

Floors, stairs and outside spaces are well maintained, and free of obstacles and trip hazards

☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe

Lighting is appropriate throughout the home

☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe

~~Safety gates (BS EN 1930: 2011) are competently and securely fitted at the bottom of stairs~~

☐ Safe ☐ N/A ☐ Unsafe

Consideration has been given to the use of competently and securely fitted safety gates (BS EN 1930: 2011) upstairs/elsewhere

☐ Safe ☐ N/A ☐ Unsafe

Banisters are strong, with suitable gaps, not exceeding 6.5cm (ages 0-2) or 10cm with no horizontal rails or footholds for climbing (ages 2-5)

☐ Safe ☐ N/A ☐ Unsafe

Child resistant window restrictors are fitted, with the gap not exceeding 10cm (ages 0-5), and taking into account fire escape routes

☐ Safe ☐ N/A ☐ Unsafe

Upper bunk beds have secure safety rails and ladders, and are not being used for children under the age of six

☐ Safe ☐ N/A ☐ Unsafe

Pushchairs, buggies and high chairs are in good condition with straps and harnesses

☐ Safe ☐ N/A ☐ Unsafe

Outdoor play equipment is safe and securely attached, and mounted over a suitable surface

☐ Safe ☐ N/A ☐ Unsafe

Trampolines are fitted with a safety net enclosure

☐ Safe ☐ N/A ☐ Unsafe

Burns and Scalds

Carers understand the need to run cold water before the hot water into baths, or thermostatic mixing valves have been fitted (ages 0-5)

☐ Safe ☐ N/A ☐ Unsafe

Kettle cords are safely out of reach

☐ Safe ☐ N/A ☐ Unsafe

Consideration has been given to keeping children out of the kitchen when cooking

☐ Safe ☐ N/A ☐ Unsafe

~~A fireguard (BS 8423: 2010) is used on all types of fire to prevent young children being burned (ages 0-5)~~

☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe**Consideration has been given to the dangers linked to hot drinks**☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe**Consideration has been given to the dangers linked to hair straighteners and irons**☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe**Consideration has been given to the dangers linked to sunburn**☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe

Strangulation and Suffocation

There are no blinds or curtains with cords that constitute a hazard☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe**There are no hanging toys or draw-string bags that constitute a hazard**☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe**Plastic bags and nappy sacks are stored safely**☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe**Children are prevented from playing with rotary washing lines, ropes or cords**☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe**Cots are free from pillows, duvets, large toys and cot bumpers**☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe**Toys and other items with small parts are stored safely away from young children**☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe

Poisoning

Carbon monoxide alarms are fitted and working in rooms with a fuel-burning appliance☐ Safe☐ N/A☐ Unsafe

Date tested

Fuel-burning appliances have been serviced within the last year by a registered engineer

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Date serviced

Medicines are safely stored

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Shampoos and cosmetics are safely stored

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Household chemicals such as cleaning materials, weed killer, anti-freeze, DIY materials and button batteries are safely stored

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Alcohol and liquid nicotine (found in e-cigarettes) are safely stored

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

There are no known plants with poisonous leaves or berries

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Drowning

Ponds, swimming pools and other standing water are safely covered or securely fenced

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Babies and young children are always supervised in the bath

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Cutting and Crush Injuries

Low glass is either safety glass (BS 6206) , covered with safety film or boarded up

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Greenhouses are made of safety glass or safely fenced

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Kitchen knives and razor blades are safely stored

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Equipment, tools and sharp items used for work, DIY or hobbies are safely stored

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Ceremonial swords are safely stored

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Tall furniture and appliances are safe and secure, and fixed to the wall where necessary

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Consideration has been given to fitting anti-finger trapping devices to prevent a toddler's fingers being trapped in doors (age 0-5)

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Other

The home is warm, in good decorative order, and furniture is sufficient, suitable and in good repair

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

The home and particularly the kitchen and bathroom are kept clean and hygienic

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

The home is secured from inside to prevent toddlers and small children leaving unnoticed

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Locks on bathroom doors are suitable and allow access in an emergency

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Garden gates and fencing are secure to prevent toddlers and small children leaving while unattended

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

DVDs and video games are stored so that children cannot access inappropriate material

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Home insurance is in place in line with local policy, and insurers have been informed if the applicant is fostering

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Vehicle Safety

All vehicles have up to date MOT certificates

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Expiry date

All vehicles have up to date insurance and insurers are notified of fostering status

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Expiry date

Driving licences have been seen for all those involved in transporting children

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Appropriate car seats are correctly fitted and used

☐ Safe

☐ N/A

☐ Unsafe

Specific Circumstances

Firearms are stored on the property

☐ Yes

☐ No

The home is also a working farm

☐ Yes

☐ No

Hazardous work equipment/materials are stored on the property

☐ Yes

☐ No

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, please see CoramBAAF Practice Note 61, Home Safety Checks in Fostering and Adoption and provide additional information below

Applicant / Carer Declaration

APPLICANT/CARER DECLARATION

- I/we have read and considered home safety and accident prevention information provided by organisations such as the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) and others.
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Signature of applicant/carers

I/we undertake to follow this safety advice and to make our supervising/assessing social worker aware of any known difficulties in doing this.

I/we understand that we should use this form to review home safety before any placement and make adjustments according to the age and functioning of any child being placed, taking into account any information provided about their known behaviour.

Any comments:

Lisa Miles

Signature

No image
entered

Date

Social work Assessment

Subject to any outstanding actions noted below, a satisfactory home safety check has been completed in respect of the following age ranges:

0- 2

☐ Yes

☐ No

2- 5

☐ Yes

☐ No

5- 11

☐ Yes

☐ No

11- 18

☐ Yes

☐ No

Additional information

Outstanding action

Name

Date

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