

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Child and Family Services Agency**  
**Family Licensing Division**



**Basic Requirements to Maintain Your Foster Home License**

1. The home must be in a sanitary condition.
2. Each child must have his or her own bed.
3. No more than three (3) children may occupy the same room without the specific consent from the Family Licensing and Training Division. This bedroom must be 150 square feet.
4. Children over eighteen (18) months of age may not share a room with an adult.
5. Children over five (5) years of age may not share a bedroom with children of the opposite sex.
6. The home must be heated at an average temperature of 70 degrees during the winter months.
7. The home must have hot water.
8. The home must have electricity.
9. The home must have adequate toilet and bath facilities, (recommended one full bath for five occupants).
10. Children must have an adequate supply of clothing.
11. Meals must meet the basic nutritional needs of children according to current USDA standards.
12. There must be a first aid kit in the home at all times.
13. All children must receive prompt and proper medical treatment.
14. Caretaker(s) must have sufficient income of their own (aside from foster care payments) to meet their own needs.
15. Caretaker(s) must be in good health.
16. Caretaker(s) must receive a biennial screening for tuberculosis.
17. Any change in the composition of the foster parent's family must be reported to their licensing worker.
18. No more than three (3) foster children may occupy a foster home at any one time without specific consent.
19. Serious illnesses or death of either foster parent must be reported to the Child and Family Services Intake Hotline at (202) 671-SAFE.
20. The foster home must be inspected at least annually.
21. The foster home must have operable smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.
22. Firearms and ammunition must be stored in a locked cabinet or area not accessible to children.
23. The home must maintain working telephone services at all times.
24. Caretaker(s) must provide at least ten (10) business days notice to the agency when requesting the removal of a foster child from their home.
25. To maintain your license, caretaker(s) must complete a total of 30 hours of in-service training every 2 years.

These basic regulations were explained to me by the social worker/re-licensing worker whose signature is below. I understand that there are additional regulations that may be brought to my attention, from time to time, by Family Licensing and Training Division Staff.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Foster Parent Date

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
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