



Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
**High-Risk Regulations Identified via the Weighted
Risk System Development**
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In licensing and regulatory administration, every regulatory requirement is important. However, anyone can recognize that some regulations pose a greater threat to children's health and safety than others. *Weighted Risk Systems* allow states to qualitatively rank regulatory requirements to identify regulations that pose the greatest risk of harm to children.

The DCFS has entered into a partnership with the National Association for Regulatory Administration (NARA) to develop a Weighted Risk System. A key component of Weighted Risk System development is to assign numerical "weights" to each regulatory requirement. These weights are then used to identify the most "serious" regulatory violations.

This document presents the regulations that pose the most immediate threat to the health, safety, or well-being of children, and/or present the greatest risk of death or serious physical or emotional injury to children if the compliance with regulations is not met in Day Care Homes¹, Group Day Care Homes², and Day Care Centers³ regulated by the DCFS.

Methodology

The DCFS in conjunction with NARA identified a sample of stakeholders in the regulatory oversight process. Stakeholders identified included but were not limited to DCFS staff, licensees, trade groups, and social service organizations. Using an online measurement instrument, stakeholders were asked to assign a numerical "weight" to each regulation for each type of setting regulated by DCFS. Numerical weights ranged from 1 ("No threat to the health, safety, or well-being of residents if the regulation is not met; individuals are not at risk in any way due to violation of regulation") to 9 ("Immediate threat to the health, safety, or well-being of residents if the regulation is not met; individuals would be in danger of death or serious physical or emotional injury if the regulation is in violation"). For example, a participant scoring regulation *407.65(a)(2) A permit shall not be issued prior to the following: Employment of a child care director who has passed the background check requirements of 89 Ill. Adm. Code 385, Background Checks* would see the question shown below and would check the appropriate circle to weight the regulation⁴:

¹ 89 Ill. Adm. Code Part 406 (relating to Licensing Standards for Day Care Homes)

² 89 Ill. Adm. Code Part 408 (relating to Licensing Standards for Group Day Care Homes)

³ 89 Ill. Adm. Code Part 407 (relating to Licensing Standards for Day Care Centers)

⁴ Each regulation was truncated for readability. Each stakeholder was provided with a crosswalk document to identify which question related to a given regulation.

* 50. Permit Issuance: Staff Background Checks

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The measurement instrument was available to stakeholders for the period September 14, 2014 to December 7, 2014. Responses by setting are shown below:

Setting	Participants who Received the Instrument	Participants who Completed the Instrument	Percent of Participants who Completed the Instrument
Day Care Homes	76	38	50.0%
Group Day Care Homes	30	19	63.3%
Day Care Centers	65	37	56.9%

Once the instrument responses were received, the average numerical score assigned to each regulation was obtained. The resulting score was the “base weight” of each regulation.

Since the total number of regulations to which scores were assigned is extremely lengthy⁵, this document presents the regulations in each chapter with base weights of 8 or above, that is, the regulations that pose the most immediate threat to the health, safety, or well-being of children, and/or present the greatest risk of death or serious physical or emotional injury to children if the compliance with regulations is not met.

The base weights for all regulations or a particular set of regulations are available to DCFS upon request.

Results

Table 1 shows the base weight, short description, and actual text of each regulation with base weights of 8 or greater in Day Care Homes.

Table 2 shows the base weight, short description, and actual text of each regulation with base weights of 8 or greater in Group Day Care Homes.

Table 3 shows the base weight, short description, and actual text of each regulation with base weights of 8 or greater in Day Care Homes.

⁵ Part 406 had 491 requirements, Part 407 had 881 requirements, and Part 408 had 545 requirements, a total of 1,917 responses.

Table 1: Regulations with Base Weights of 8 or Greater, Day Care Homes

Base Weight	Short Title	Citation - 89 Ill. Adm. Code Part 406	Regulation Text
8.94	Swimming: Direct Supervision	19b	All children must be directly supervised (caregiver physically present with the children) at all times when children are wading or swimming.
8.91	Swimming: Supervision for Safety	19a	Swimming activities shall be supervised for safety.
8.88	Supervision of Child in Bathtub	23d	No child under 5 years of age is to be left unattended while in the bathtub.
8.83	Handguns on Premises	8a16	Handguns are prohibited on the premises of the day care home except in the possession of peace officers or other adults who must possess a handgun as a condition of employment and who reside in the day care home.
8.78	Protection from Exploitation, Neglect, Abuse	14k	Children shall be supervised at all times. All children in the home shall be protected from exploitation, neglect, and abuse.
8.78	Swimming: Supervision of Non-Swimmers	19c	A second adult shall be available to supervise any children not swimming.
8.75	Choking Hazard	17g	Children under 2 years of age shall not be fed whole berries, hard candies, raisins, corn kernels, raw carrots, whole grapes, hot dogs, nuts, seeds, popcorn, or raw peas, as these foods may cause choking.
8.74	Firearms, Other than Handguns	8a17	Any firearm, other than a handgun in the possession of a peace officer or other person as provided in subsection (a)(13), shall be kept in a disassembled state, without ammunition, in locked storage in a closet, cabinet, or other locked storage facility inaccessible to children. A) Ammunition for such firearms shall be kept in locked storage separate from that of the disassembled firearms, inaccessible to children.

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8.72	Prohibition of Punishment Methods	15b1	No child shall be subjected to physical punishment, nor can shaming, frightening, or humiliating methods be used.
8.72	Children Under 30 months: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	22b	To minimize the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, children shall be placed on their backs when put down to sleep.
8.69	Safety Restraints	18c	Each child shall be individually fastened into a suitable infant or child restraint device whenever the vehicle is in motion. The restraint shall be federally approved and labeled as such and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. This requirement shall not apply to a child for whom a physician has certified, in writing, that the child has a physical handicap that prevents wearing an appropriate restraint device.
8.69	Prohibition of Unattended Children	18e	No child shall be left unattended in a vehicle.
8.69	Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect Immediately Reported	24l	Suspected child abuse and/or neglect shall be reported immediately to the Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline as required by the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.
8.66	Carbon Monoxide Detector	8a5	A home that has an attached garage and/or relies on combustion of fossil fuel for heating, ventilation, or hot water shall be equipped with a minimum of one approved carbon monoxide detector.
8.66	Prohibition of Extreme Punishment	15b	No child shall be subjected to extreme punishment.
8.65	Outdoor Supervision	8k6	Children shall be closely supervised by the caregiver when public parks or playgrounds are used for play, during play and while traveling to and from the area.
8.62	Evacuation During Fire	8a25	In the event of a fire, the day care home shall be evacuated immediately and the children's safety insured before calling the fire department or attempting to combat the fire.

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8.59	In-Ground Swimming Pools	8a27	All in-ground swimming pools located in areas accessible to children shall be fenced. The fence shall be at least 5 feet in height and secured by a locked gate. Day care homes that have a license or a permit on April 1, 2001 and are in compliance with the requirement for a 3½ foot fence shall be considered in compliance with the fence requirement.
8.57	Smoke Detector: Sleeping Areas	8a4a	A smoke detector in operating condition shall be within each room where children nap or sleep. The detector shall be installed on the ceiling and at least 6 inches from any wall, or on a wall located between 4 and 6 inches from the ceiling. In addition, there shall be at least one detector at the beginning and end of each separate corridor or hallway 200 feet or more in length in any occupied story.
8.56	Children Under 30 months: Space Between Mattress and Bed Frame	22g3	There shall be no more than 1½ inches of space between the mattress and bed frame when the mattress is pushed flush at one corner of the crib.
8.56	Fire Hazards	8h1	The day care home is free of fire hazards.
8.56	Outdoor Supervisor Requirements	8k7	Supervision shall be provided during outdoor play by caregivers who meet the requirements of Section 406.9.
8.53	Children Under 30 months: Hazardous Areas	22a	Children under 30 months of age shall not be permitted in bathrooms, kitchens, or other hazardous areas without the caregiver or assistant present.
8.53	Above Ground Swimming Pools	8a28	All above-ground pools shall have non-climbable sidewalls that are at least 4 feet high or shall be enclosed with a 5 foot fence that is at least 36 inches away from the pool's side wall and secured with a locked gate. When the pool is not in use, steps shall be removed from the pool or otherwise protected to insure the pool cannot be accessed. Day care homes that have a license or a permit on April 1, 2001 and are in compliance with the requirement for a 3½ foot fence shall be considered in compliance with the fence requirement.
8.53	Crib Safety	8n	By December 28, 2012, the day care home shall obtain certification that all cribs used by the home meet or exceed the federal safety standards in 16 CFR 1219 or 1220 (2011). This certification from the manufacturer shall be available for inspection by the licensing representative. In the absence of a manufacturer's certificate, proof that the crib was manufactured on or after

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			June 28, 2011 will meet the required standard.
8.49	Smoke Detector: Every Floor	8a4	The home shall be equipped with a minimum of one approved smoke detector in operating condition on every floor level, including basements and occupied attics.
8.47	Barrier to Stairs	8h5	When children under 30 months of age are in care, stairs leading to second levels, attics or basements shall be fitted with a sturdy gate, door or other barrier to prevent the children's access to stairs without adult supervision.
8.47	CPR Certification	9n	The licensee who is the primary caregiver shall be certified in infant/child cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
8.47	Responsible Person	18d2	A responsible person as designated by the child's parents or guardian shall receive the child when delivered to the home or the facility.
8.46	Use of Wood-Burning Stove/Fireplace	8a9	Facilities in which a wood-burning stove or fireplace has been installed and which is used during the hours that child care is provided shall provide a written plan of how the stove or fireplace will be used and what actions will be taken to ensure the children's safety when in use.
8.44	Safety Locking Devices	18f3	The vehicle shall be equipped with safety locking devices on doors and shall be maintained in a mechanically safe condition at all times.
8.44	Children Under 30 months: Items Removed While Napping or Sleeping	22g4	Soft bedding, bumpers, pillows, quilts, comforters, sheepskins, stuffed toys, laundry and other soft products shall be removed from the crib when children are napping or sleeping.
8.41	Heimlich Maneuver Certification	9n	The licensee who is the primary caregiver shall be certified in Heimlich maneuver.

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8.41	Prohibition of Deprivation of Meals	15b3	Depriving a child of meals or any part of meals shall never be used as punishment.
8.41	Prohibition of Punishments Relating to Toilet Accidents	15b4	No child shall be punished for toilet accidents.
8.41	Driver Responsible	18d	While transporting children, the driver shall be responsible for seeing that:
8.41	Space Between Crib Mattress and Frame	23f3	If a crib is used there shall be no more than 1½ inches of space between the mattress and bed frame when the mattress is pushed flush at one corner of the crib.
8.38	Protection from Outdoor Hazards	8k2	The safe outdoor space for active play shall be protected by physical means (e.g., fence, tree line, chairs, ropes, etc.) against all water hazards, including, but not limited to, pools, ponds, standing water, ornamental bodies of water, and retention ponds, regardless of the depth of the water, and by adult caregiver supervision at times when children in care are present. Other hazards, such as, but not limited to, heavy traffic and construction, shall be inaccessible to children in care through a physical barrier and adult supervision.
8.38	Safe Transport	18b	Caregivers shall be responsible for assuring the safe transport of children.
8.37	Portable Space Heaters	8a8	Portable space heaters may not be used in a day care home during the hours that child care is provided.
8.35	Escape Route Free of Obstructions	8a22a	All corridors and escape routes from the home shall be kept clear of obstructions.

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8.35	Hot Tub Covers	8a30	All hot tubs shall have securely locked covers or otherwise be inaccessible to children.
8.35	Attentiveness	9s	The caregiver shall be awake, alert, and able to supervise the children when providing care, except as allowed by Section 406.23(h), night care.
8.34	Children Under 30 months: Sleeping Equipment	22g2	Sleeping equipment for children under 15 months must have protection to prevent falls.
8.32	Licensee and Household Members are Responsible	9j	The licensee and other adult members of the household in contact with day care children shall be stable, law abiding, responsible, mature individuals.
8.31	Prohibition of Punishment Relating to Child or Family	15b2	There shall be no verbal abuse, threats, or derogatory remarks about the child or the child's family.
8.31	Children Under 30 months: Physician Instructions	22b1	When the infant cannot rest or sleep on his/her back due to a disability or illness, the caregiver shall have written instructions, signed by a physician, detailing an alternative safe sleep position and/or special sleeping arrangements for the infant. The caregiver shall put the infant to sleep in accordance with a physician's written instructions.
8.29	Observable Hazards	8h1	The day care home is free from observable hazards.
8.28	Daily Activities: Supervision	16b8	Children shall not be left unattended and supervision shall be provided at all times.
8.28	Children Under 30 months: Equipment and Play Materials Free of Hazards	22i	Equipment and play materials shall be durable and free from characteristics that may be hazardous or injurious to children under 30 months of age.

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8.28	Timely Notification of Fire or Other Incident Resulting in Structural Damage to Facility	24p	The supervising agency shall be notified immediately by telephone, and in writing within one week, of fires or other incidents resulting in structural damage to the day care home.
8.26	Tobacco Use	8j	No person may smoke tobacco in any area of the day care home in which day care services are being provided to children, while those children are present on the premises or while providing transportation in either an open or enclosed motor vehicle to children who are receiving child care services.
8.26	Background Check: Fingerprints	9d	Day care homes shall be responsible for ensuring that persons subject to criminal background checks make themselves available for fingerprinting when scheduled by the Department or its authorized representatives.
8.26	First Aid Certification	9n	The licensee who is the primary caregiver shall be certified in first aid.
8.25	Children Under 30 months: Prohibitions	22b4	No infant shall be put to sleep on a sofa, soft mattress, car seat or swing.
8.25	Caregiver's Room Within Hearing Distance of Children's Bedroom	23h	If the day care home receives children for night-time care, the caregiver may sleep while children are present if the caregiver and the children sleep on the same floor (level) of the residence and the children's bedrooms are within hearing distance of the caregiver's bedroom to provide for the needs of the children and to respond immediately in an emergency.
8.22	Serving Hot Dogs, Carrots, and Peanut Butter	17i	Hot dogs and raw carrots may be served to children between 2 and 3 years of age only if cut into short, thin strips. Up to 3 tbsp. of peanut butter may be served to children ages 3 through 5 if thinly spread on bread, crackers or other foods or if mixed with other foods.
8.22	Child Enter/Exit Vehicle	18d1	Each child shall board or leave the vehicle from the curb side of the street, and shall be safely conducted to the home or facility.
8.21	Availability of Telephone	8a26	There shall be an operable telephone available on the premises of the licensee

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8.21	Background Check: Disqualifying Offenses	9c	Persons who have been the perpetrator of certain types of child abuse or neglect or who have committed or attempted to commit certain crimes may not be licensed to operate a day care home, be a member of the household of a family home in which a day care home operates, or be an employee or volunteer in a day care home.
8.19	Children Under 30 months: Infants Unable to Roll to Back	22b3	Infants unable to roll from their stomachs to their backs, and from their backs to their stomachs, when found facedown, shall be placed on their backs.
8.19	Children Under 30 months: Cribs, Playpens, Port-a- Cribs, Cots	22g1	Safe, sturdy, well-constructed individual cribs, playpens, or port-a-cribs for infants shall be equipped with good firm, fitting mattresses made of waterproof materials that can be washed. Washable cots may be used for children 15 months of age and over.
8.19	Access to the Facility by Authorized Department Representatives	26a	Authorized representatives of the supervising agency or the Department shall be admitted to the facility during the facility's hours of operation for the purpose of determining compliance with the Child Care Act of 1969 and standards set forth in this Part.
8.18	Free Hanging Cords	8a31	Free hanging cords on blinds, shades and drapes shall be tied or otherwise kept out of reach of children.
8.17	Heating Source Barriers	8a8	Fixed space heaters, fireplaces, radiators, and other heating sources in areas occupied by children shall be separated by partitions or a sturdy barrier to prevent contact.
8.17	Basement Exit via Window: Size	8a10bi	When the basement area may be used for child care, 2 exits shall be provided. B) A second exit may be a window. i) The window shall be operable from the inside without the use of tools and provide a clear opening not less than 20 inches in width, 24 inches in height, and 5.7 square feet in area.
8.17	Basement Exit via Window: Location	8a10bii	When the basement area may be used for child care, 2 exits shall be provided. B) A second exit may be a window. ii) If the window is used as a second exit, the bottom of the window opening shall be no more than 44 inches above the floor.

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8.17	Basement Exit via Window: Access	8a10bii i	When the basement area may be used for child care, 2 exits shall be provided. B) A second exit may be a window. iii) When the bottom of the window opening used as a second exit is greater than 24 inches above the floor, there shall be a permanently affixed, sturdy ramp or stairs located below the window to allow speedy access in the event of an emergency.
8.16	Caregiver Sleeps on Same Floor as Children	23g	Caregivers and children receiving night care shall sleep on the same floor (level) of the residence.
8.16	Timely Notification of Accident or Injury Resulting in Death or Emergency Care	24n1	The supervising agency shall be notified immediately by telephone, and in writing within one week, if any of the following situations involving children occurs at the facility: 1) Accident or injury resulting in death or requiring emergency medical care
8.15	Prohibited Animals	8g5	The presence of monkeys, ferrets, turtles, iguanas, psittacine birds (birds of the parrot family) or any wild or dangerous animal is prohibited in areas accessible to children during the hours the day care home is in operation.
8.15	Trampoline	8k5	The use of a trampoline by children in care is prohibited.
8.14	Home in Good Repair	8a6	The home and indoor space shall be maintained in good repair and shall provide a safe, comfortable environment for the children.
8.13	Children Under 30 months: Bottle Propping and Carrying of Bottle	22d2	Bottle propping and carrying of bottles by young children throughout the day/night shall not be permitted.
8.13	Children Under 30 months: Prohibition of walkers	22h4	Mobile walkers are prohibited. Stationary exercisers may be used.

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8.13	Timely Notification if Child is Missing From Day Care Home	24n2	The supervising agency shall be notified immediately by telephone, and in writing within one week, if any of the following situations involving children occurs at the facility: 2) A child is missing from the day care home.
8.09	Licensed Driver, Child/Adult Ratio, and Age of Driver	18a	Children may be transported only when the child/adult ratios in accordance with Section 406.13 are maintained and the person transporting is 18 years of age or older and has a valid driver's license for the vehicle classification being used.
8.09	Children Under 30 months: Use of Blanket	22g4	If using a blanket, put the child with feet at the foot of the crib. Tuck a thin blanket around the crib mattress, reaching only as far as the child's chest.
8.09	Timely Notification of Known or Suspected Communicable Disease	24o	The facility shall promptly report any known or suspected case or carrier of communicable disease to the supervising agency and to local health authorities, and shall comply with the Illinois Department of Public Health's rules for the Control of Communicable Diseases (77 Ill. Adm. Code 690).
8.09	Unobstructed Exits	8a22h	Exit doors and exit windows shall be kept clear of equipment and debris at all times.
8.09	Assistant's Background Check	10a	Assistants shall have passed the background check in Section 406.9(a).
8.06	Prescription Medicine	14e1	Prescription medicine labels must bear the child's name, the physician's name, the name of the drug store or pharmacy, prescription number, date of the prescription, and directions for administering.
8.06	Nonprescription Medicine: Labeling	14e2	Medications, except for aspirin and aspirin substitutes, shall be labeled with the child's name and dated.
8.06	State and Local Laws Pertaining to Vehicles	18f1	The vehicle shall be equipped in accordance with requirements of the Illinois Vehicle Equipment Law [625 ILCS 5/Ch. 12] and local vehicle safety ordinances.

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8.06	Children Under 30 months: Changing Diapers and Hand Washing	22e6	Persons changing diapers shall wash hands under running water with soap after each change of diaper. Hands shall be dried with single-use towels. Additionally, disposable, non-permeable gloves shall be worn when changing a child who has watery or bloody stools.
8.06	Children Under 30 months: Use of Positioning Devices	22g4	No positioning device that restricts movement within the child's bed shall be used without written instructions from the child's physician.
8.06	Two Exits for Rooms Above First Floor	23j	A room above the first floor may be used for sleeping or napping if the room has 2 exits with one exit leading directly to the outside with means to safely reach the ground level.
8.06	Operation of Exit Door and Windows	8a22g	Exit doors and exit windows shall be operable without the use of a key, a tool or special knowledge to open for exit to the outside.
8.06	Caregiver Knowledge: Behavior Management Techniques	9q6	Caregivers shall exhibit competence in using developmentally appropriate behavior management techniques that do not constitute corporal punishment of children.
8.03	Infectious, Contagious, or Communicable Disease	14d	A child suspected of having or diagnosed as having a reportable infectious, contagious, or communicable disease for which isolation is required by the Illinois Department of Public Health's General Procedures for the Control of Communicable Diseases (77 Ill. Adm. Code 690.1000) shall be excluded from the home until the Illinois Department of Public Health or local health department authorized by it states, in writing, that the communicable, contagious or infectious stage of the disease has passed and that the child may be re-admitted to the day care home.
8.03	Nonprescription Medicine: Administration	14e2	Medication shall be administered in accordance with package instructions.
8.03	Caregiver's Compliance to State and Local Vehicle Laws	18f	The vehicle shall be safely equipped and the caregiver shall comply with State and local laws pertaining to vehicles.

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8.03	Children Under 30 months: Bottle and Microwave	22d3	Bottles shall never be warmed or defrosted in a microwave oven.
8.03	Timely Notification of Changes in Household Composition	24q	The licensee shall notify the supervising agency within one week, in writing, of any changes to the household composition. Changes that require notification include the addition of any new person into the home, the return of any former household member, or the departure of any household member.
8.03	Smoke Detector: Applicable Codes	8a4c	Compliance with any applicable federal, State or local law, rule or building code which requires the installation and maintenance of smoke detectors in a manner different from this Section, but providing a level of safety for occupants which is equal to or greater than that provided by this Section, shall be deemed to be compliance with this Section.
8.03	First Aid Supplies	8a14	First aid supplies, medication, cleaning materials, poisons, sharp scissors, plastic bags, sharp knives, cigarettes, matches, lighters, flammable liquids, and other hazardous materials shall be stored in places inaccessible to children. Hazardous items for infants and toddlers also include items that can cause choking, including but not limited to: coins, balloons, safety pins, marbles, Styrofoam™ and similar products, and sponge, soft rubber or soft plastic toys that can be bitten or broken into small pieces.
8.00	False or Misleading Information	9u	Licensees or applicants shall not provide false or misleading information regarding their compliance with the applicable regulations.
8.00	Ban on Children with Diarrhea or Rash and Fever	14b	Children with diarrhea and those with a rash combined with fever (oral temperature of 101 degrees Fahrenheit or higher or under the arm temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) shall not be admitted to the day care home while these symptoms persist, and shall be removed as soon as possible should these symptoms develop while the child is in care.
8.00	Nonprescription Medicine: Parental Permission	14e2	Non-prescription medication may be administered upon written parental permission that specifies the duration and frequency of medication.

Table 2: Regulations with Base Weights of 8 or Greater, Group Day Care Homes

Base Weight	Short Title	Citation - 89 Ill. Adm. Code Part 408	Regulation Text
8.87	Prohibition of Unattended Children	90e	No child shall be left unattended in a vehicle.
8.87	Swimming: Supervision for Safety	95a	Swimming activities shall be supervised for safety.
8.80	Protection from Exploitation, Neglect, Abuse	70i	Children shall be supervised at all times. All children in the home shall be protected from exploitation, neglect, and abuse.
8.73	CA/N or Criminal History: Applicant	40c	CA/N and/or Criminal History record received for applicant/licensee. Persons who have been the perpetrator of certain types of child abuse or neglect or who have committed or attempted to commit certain crimes may not be licensed to operate a group day care home.
8.73	Assessment of CA/N or Criminal History: Household Member	40c	Assessment of CA/N and/or Criminal History record completed in accordance with Part 385 for household member(s). Persons who have been the perpetrator of certain types of child abuse or neglect or who have committed or attempted to commit certain crimes may not be a member of the household of a family home in which a group day care home operates.
8.73	Assessment of CA/N or Criminal History: Employee	40c	Assessment of CA/N and/or Criminal History record completed in accordance with Part 385 for employee(s). Persons who have been the perpetrator of certain types of child abuse or neglect or who have committed or attempted to commit certain crimes may not be an employee in a group day care home.
8.73	Assessment of CA/N or Criminal History: Volunteer	40c	Assessment of CA/N and/or Criminal History record completed in accordance with Part 385 for volunteer(s). Persons who have been the perpetrator of certain types of child abuse or neglect or who have committed or attempted to commit certain crimes may not volunteer in a group day care home.
8.69	Outdoor Supervision	30k10	Children shall be closely supervised by the caregiver when public parks or playgrounds are used for play, during play and while traveling to and from the area.

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8.69	CANTS Investigation: Contact Restriction	35b	When notified by the Department that an employee, member of the household or other person in frequent contact with children at the facility is the subject of a formal investigation for child abuse or neglect pursuant to the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act [325 ILCS 5], the licensee shall take reasonable action to insure that the employee or other person is restricted from contact with children whose care has been entrusted to the facility during the pending investigation. Such reasonable action includes, but is not limited to, barring or removing the person from the facility or assuring that another adult is always present when the subject of the investigation is in contact with children.
8.67	Supervision of Child in Bathtub	115d	No child under 5 years of age is to be left unattended while in the bathtub.
8.60	Swimming: Supervision of Non-Swimmers	95b	A second adult shall be available to supervise any children not swimming.
8.60	Children Under 30 months: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	105b	To minimize the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, children shall be placed on their backs when put down to sleep.
8.56	Above Ground Pool: Accessibility	30k7	When the pool is not in use, it is protected to insure the pool cannot be accessed.
8.53	Children Under 30 months: Equipment and Play Materials Free of Hazards	105i	Equipment and play materials shall be durable and free from characteristics that may be hazardous or injurious to children under 30 months of age.
8.53	Reporting of Child Abuse/Neglect	120e	Suspected child abuse or neglect shall be reported immediately to the Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline as required by the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. The telephone number for the reporting hotline is 1- 800-252-2873.

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8.53	In-Ground Swimming Pools	30k6	In-ground swimming pools located in areas accessible to children shall be fenced. The fence shall be at least 5 feet in height and secured by a locked gate. Group day care homes that are licensed or have a permit on April 1, 2001 and are in compliance with the requirement for a 3½ foot fence shall be considered in compliance with the fence requirement.
8.53	Above Ground Swimming Pools	30k7	All above-ground pools shall have non-climbable sidewalls that are at least 4 feet high or shall be enclosed with a 5 foot fence that is at least 36 inches away from the pool's side wall and secured with a locked gate. Group day care homes that are licensed or have a permit on April 1, 2001 and are in compliance with the requirement for a 3½ foot fence shall be considered in compliance with the fence requirement.
8.50	Above Ground Pool: Steps	30k7	When the pool is not in use, steps shall be removed from the pool.
8.50	Consumption of Alcohol and Drugs	35l	Caregivers, assistants and other persons shall not consume alcohol in the presence of children. A caregiver or child care assistant who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or other drug shall not have responsibility of the care of children.
8.47	Fire Hazards	30d1	The group day care home is free of fire hazards.
8.47	Supervision of Children	85i	Children shall not be left unattended and adult supervision shall be provided at all times.
8.47	Safety Restraints	90c	Each child shall be individually fastened into a suitable infant or child restraint device whenever the vehicle is in motion.
8.47	Children Under 30 months: Hazardous Areas	105a	Children under 30 months of age shall not be permitted in bathrooms, kitchens, or other hazardous areas without the caregiver or assistant present.

Base Weight	Short Title	Citation - 89 Ill. Adm. Code Part 408	Regulation Text
8.41	Hazardous Materials Inaccessible to Children	30a13	First aid supplies, medication, cleaning materials, poisons, sharp scissors, plastic bags, sharp knives, cigarettes, matches, lighters, flammable liquids, and other hazardous materials shall be stored in places inaccessible to children. Hazardous items for infants and toddlers also include items that can cause choking, including but not limited to: coins, balloons, safety pins, marbles, Styrofoam™ and similar products, and sponge, soft rubber or soft plastic toys that can be bitten or broken into small pieces.
8.35	Carbon Monoxide Detector	30a18	A) A home that has an attached garage and/or relies on combustion of fossil fuel for heating, ventilation, or hot water shall be equipped with a minimum of one approved carbon monoxide detector in operating condition within 15 feet of rooms where children nap or sleep. B) The carbon monoxide detector may be combined with smoke detector devices, provided that the combined unit complies with subsection (a)(4) and this subsection (a)(5). [430 ILCS 135/10]
8.33	Prohibition of Extreme Punishment	75b	No child shall be subjected to extreme punishment.
8.33	Choking Hazard	80g	Children under 2 years of age shall not be fed whole berries, hard candies, raisins, corn kernels, raw carrots, whole grapes, hot dogs, nuts, seeds, popcorn, or raw peas, as these foods may cause choking.
8.33	Responsible Person	90d2	A responsible person as designated by the child's parents or guardian shall receive the child when delivered to the home or the facility.
8.27	Child Enter/Exit Vehicle	90d1	Each child shall board or leave the vehicle from the curb side of the street, and shall be safely conducted to the home or facility.
8.25	Hot Tub Covers	30k9	All hot tubs shall have securely locked covers or otherwise be inaccessible to children.

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8.24	Protection from Outdoor Hazards	30k2	<p>The safe outdoor space for active play shall be protected by physical means (e.g., fence, tree line, chairs, ropes, etc.) against all water hazards, including, but not limited to, pools, ponds, standing water, ornamental bodies of water, and retention ponds, regardless of the depth of the water, and by adult caregiver supervision at times when children in care are present.</p> <p>Other hazards, such as, but not limited to, heavy traffic and construction, shall be inaccessible to children in care through a physical barrier and adult supervision.</p>
8.20	Children Under 30 months: Infants Unable to Roll to Back	105b3	<p>Infants unable to roll from their stomachs to their backs, and from their backs to their stomachs, when found facedown, shall be placed on their backs.</p>
8.19	Outdoor Supervisor Requirements	30k11	<p>Supervision shall be provided during outdoor play by caregivers who meet the requirements of Section 408.45.</p>
8.18	Basement Exit via Door	30a9a	<p>When the basement area may be used for child care, 2 exits shall be provided.</p> <p>A) At least one exit shall be a basement exit via a door directly to the outside (without traversing any other level of the home) or a protected exit from a basement via a door or stairway that allows unobstructed travel directly to the outside of the building at street or ground level. The stairway may not be more than 8 feet high.</p>
8.18	Free Hanging Cords	30a17	<p>Free hanging cords on blinds, shades and drapes shall be tied or otherwise kept out of reach of children.</p>
8.13	Authorization of Background Check: Employees	40b	<p>No individual may receive a license from the Department when the applicant, a member of the household age 13 and over, or any individual who has access to the children cared for in a group day care home, or any employee of the group day care home, has not authorized the background check required by 89 Ill. Adm. Code 385, Background Checks and been cleared in accordance with the requirements of Part 385.</p>

Base Weight	Short Title	Citation - 89 Ill. Adm. Code Part 408	Regulation Text
8.13	Supervision of Conditional Employees	40b	Employees subject to background checks may begin employment on a conditional basis while awaiting the results of the background check. Such employees may not be alone with children until the results of the initial background check has been received.
8.13	Children Under 30 months: Sleeping Equipment	105g2	Sleeping equipment for children under 15 months must have protection to prevent falls.
8.13	Children Under 30 months: Items Removed While Napping or Sleeping	105g4	Soft bedding, bumpers, pillows, quilts, comforters, sheepskins, stuffed toys, laundry and other soft products shall be removed from the crib when children are napping or sleeping.
8.13	Immediate Notification of Death, Missing Child, Hospitalization, or Reportable Disease	120f	The caregiver shall immediately notify the Department of the death of any child at the facility; a child is missing from the group day care home; any illness or injury of a child resulting in medical treatment or hospitalization, and any known or suspected case or carrier or a reportable contagious, infectious, or communicable disease among children, staff or members of the household.
8.13	Access to the Facility by Authorized Department Representatives	130a	Authorized representatives of the supervising agency or the Department shall be admitted to the facility during the facility's hours of operation for the purpose of determining compliance with the Child Care Act of 1969 and standards set forth in this Part.
8.13	Background Checks of Staff	35a	Each person subject to background checks, as defined in Section 408.5, shall authorize the background check required by 89 Ill. Adm. Code 385 (Background Checks) and be cleared in accordance with the requirements of Part 385.
8.12	Operable Telephone	30a16	There shall be an operable telephone available on the premises of the licensee.
8.07	Safe Transport	90b	Caregivers shall be responsible for assuring the safe transport of children.

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8.07	Swimming: Direct Supervision	95c	Child(ren) shall be permitted to use a swimming pool only under the direct supervision of a person currently certified as a water safety instructor or lifeguard by the American Red Cross or an equivalent water safety program.
8.07	Children Under 30 months: Prohibitions	105b4	No infant shall be put to sleep on a sofa, soft mattress, car seat or swing.
8.06	Handguns on Premises	30r	Handguns are prohibited on the premises of the group day care home except in the possession of peace officers or other adults who must possess a handgun as a condition of employment and who reside in the group day care home.
8.06	Sleeping Area Safety	30a8	No area accessible only by a ladder or folding stairs or through a trap door shall be used for sleeping or napping.
8.00	Observable Hazards	30d1	The group day care home is free from observable hazards.
8.00	Authorization of Background Check: Applicant	40a	No individual may receive a license from the Department when the applicant, a member of the household age 13 and over, or any individual who has access to the children cared for in a group day care home, or any employee of the group day care home, has not authorized the background check required by 89 Ill. Adm. Code 385, Background Checks and been cleared in accordance with the requirements of Part 385.
8.00	Assistant's Background Check	50a	Assistants shall have passed the background check in Section 408.40(a).
8.00	Licensed Driver, Child/Adult Ratio, and Age of Driver	90a	Children may be transported only when the child/adult ratios in accordance with Section 408.65 are maintained and the person transporting is 18 years of age or older and has a valid driver's license for the vehicle classification being used.

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8.00	Children Under 30 months: Space Between Mattress and Bed Frame	105g3	There shall be no more than 1½ inches of space between the mattress and bed frame when the mattress is pushed flush at one corner of the crib.
7.94	Basement Exit via Window: Second Exit	30a9b	When the basement area may be used for child care, 2 exits shall be provided. B) A second exit may be a window. i) The window shall be operable from the inside without the use of tools and provide a clear opening not less than 20 inches in width, 24 inches in height, and 5.7 square feet in area.
7.94	CANTS Investigation: Protective Plan	35b	Protective plan required for CANTS investigations discussed
7.94	Presence of Caregiver	35c	The licensee shall be present in the home when children are in attendance unless a qualified substitute caregiver, per Section 408.55, is present.

Table 3: Regulations with Base Weights of 8 or Greater, Day Care Centers⁶

Base Weight	Short Title	Citation - 89 Ill. Adm. Code Part 407	Regulation Text
8.73	Swimming: Supervision Ratio	<i>290g</i>	The following staff/child ratio shall be maintained when children are swimming, whether at the center or at other public or private swimming pools, lakes or recreational swimming facilities. A minimum of 2 adults must be present at all times.
8.69	Hazardous Compounds Inaccessible to Children	<i>370e7</i>	All cleaning compounds, pesticides, fertilizers and other potentially hazardous or explosive compounds or agents shall be stored in original containers with legible labels in a locked area that is inaccessible to children.
8.65	Hazardous Instruments Inaccessible to Children	<i>370e6</i>	Sharp scissors, plastic bags, knives, cigarettes, matches, lighters, flammable liquids, drugs, sharp instruments, power tools, cleaning supplies and any other such items that might be harmful to children shall be kept in areas inaccessible to children.
8.63	Unattended Children	190f	Children shall not be left unattended at any time.
8.62	Prohibition of Corporal Punishment	270c6a	Corporal punishment, including hitting, spanking, swatting, beating, shaking, pinching and other measures intended to induce physical pain or fear is prohibited in all child care settings.
8.61	Choking Hazard	210f19	Children under 2 years of age shall not be fed berries, candies, raisins, corn kernels, raw carrots, whole grapes, hot dogs, nuts, seeds, popcorn, raw peas or peanut butter, as these foods may cause choking.
8.54	No Children Left in Vehicle	280o	The driver shall inspect the vehicle after each use to assure that no child is left in the vehicle.
8.54	In-Ground Swimming Pools	<i>290c</i>	All in-ground pools located in areas accessible to the children shall be fenced. The fence shall be at least 5 feet in height and secured with a locked gate.

⁶ Note: regulations shown in italicized font are subject to potential rule changes in the near future.

Base Weight	Short Title	Citation - 89 Ill. Adm. Code Part 407	Regulation Text
8.54	Above Ground Swimming Pools	290d	All above-ground pools shall have non-collapsible, non-climbable sidewalls that are at least 4 feet high or shall be enclosed with a fence in accordance with subsection (c) of this Section.
8.54	Swimming: Lifeguard	290e	When children are swimming, supervision shall include at all times at least one person currently certified as a lifeguard or water safety instructor by the American Red Cross or an equivalent water safety program.
8.50	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: Sleeping Position, Unable to Roll	350i3	Infants unable to roll from their stomachs to their backs and from their backs to their stomachs, when found facedown, shall be placed on their backs.
8.47	Unattended Children	200p	Children shall not be left unattended at any time.
8.46	Swimming and Wading Pools: Maintained and Supervised	290a	Swimming and wading pools shall be appropriately maintained and supervised.
8.46	Swimming: Staff Ratio and Basic Water Safety Instruction	290f	All adults counted in the staff/child ratio for swimming shall receive basic water safety instruction from a person certified as a lifeguard or water safety instructor per subsection (e) of this Section.
8.46	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: Prohibition of Sleeping Areas	350i4	No infant shall be put to sleep on a sofa, soft mattress, car seat or swing.
8.46	Prohibition of Positioning Devices	350j	No positioning device that restricts movement within the child's bed shall be used without written instructions from the child's physician. Soft bedding, bumpers, pillows, quilts, comforters, sheepskins, stuffed toys and other soft products shall not be used or stored in cribs.

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8.42	Prohibition of Unattended Children	280g	The driver shall not leave the vehicle unattended at any time while transporting children.
8.42	Equipment Designed to Guard Against Entrapment and Strangulation	390I9	All pieces of playground equipment used by children five years of age and younger shall be designed to guard against entrapment or situations that may cause strangulation.
8.40	Supervision and Protection of Children	200k	Children shall receive supervision appropriate to their developmental age at all times. All children in the facility shall be protected from exploitation, neglect, and abuse.
8.38	Swimming and Wading Pools: Compliance with Department of Health	290b	All swimming pools and wading pools, whether at the day care center or elsewhere, shall comply with the Illinois Department of Public Health rules 77 Ill. Adm. Code 820 (Illinois Swimming Pool and Bathing Beach Code).
8.38	State Fire Marshal Approval	370a1	The building housing a center shall be approved prior to occupancy and license renewal by the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal or local agencies authorized by those State agencies to conduct inspections on their behalf.
8.35	Prohibition of Deprivation of Food or Bathroom	270c6b	Threatened or actual withdrawal of food, rest or use of the bathroom is prohibited in all child care settings.
8.35	Swimming: Out-of- Water Supervision	290h	In addition to the lifeguard and staff required in subsection (g) of this Section, one adult shall be present to serve as bathroom monitor and provide other general out-of-water supervision.
8.35	Medications Inaccessible to Children	360d2	All medication, whether refrigerated or unrefrigerated, shall be kept in locked cabinets or other containers that are inaccessible to children and that are designated and used only for this purpose.

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8.35	Medications Out of Reach of Children	360d4	Medications shall be kept out of the reach of children.
8.35	Department of Public Health Approval	370a1	The building housing a center shall be approved prior to occupancy and license renewal by the Illinois Department of Public Health or local agencies authorized by those State agencies to conduct inspections on their behalf.
8.31	Animal Bites and Scratches	300d	Immediate treatment shall be obtained for any child who sustains a bite or scratch from an animal, and the child's parent shall be notified.
8.31	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: Guidelines	350i	To minimize the risk of sudden infant death syndrome, children shall be placed on their backs when put down to sleep according to guidelines provided in 407.350(i)
8.31	Exit Doors Unlocked	370a2	All exit doors remain unlocked when children present.
8.31	Prohibition of Size of Openings	390I9b	There shall be no openings in a play structure with a dimension between 3½ inches and 9 inches (except for exercise rings).
8.30	Personnel Background Checks	110	The day care center shall require all persons subject to background checks, as defined in 89 Ill. Adm. Code 385.20, to furnish written information regarding any criminal convictions, to submit to fingerprinting and to authorize the background checks required by 89 Ill. Adm. Code 385, Background Checks.
8.28	Reporting of Child Abuse / Neglect	70j	Suspected child abuse or neglect shall be reported immediately to the Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline as required by the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

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8.27	Meals and Snacks: Choking Hazard	330k4	Foods that cause choking shall not be served to children under two years of age.
8.27	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: Physician Instructions	350i	When the infant cannot rest or sleep on his or her back due to a disability or illness, the caregiver shall have written instructions, signed by a physician, detailing an alternative safe sleep position or special sleeping arrangements for the infant. The caregiver shall put the infant to sleep in accordance with a physician's written instructions.
8.27	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: Placement and Observation	350i5	When awake, an infant shall be placed on his or her stomach part of the time and observed at all times.
8.27	Prescription Medication Administered as Required	360c2	Prescription medication shall be administered as required by a physician subject to the receipt of appropriate releases from parents, which shall be on file and regularly updated.
8.27	Use of Prescription Medication by Designated Child	360c2	Prescription medication shall be used only for the child named on the label.
8.27	Infant and Toddlers: Minimum Object Size	380d	In areas where infants and toddlers play or sleep, there shall be no objects that are less than 1¼ inches in diameter or that have removable parts of this size.
8.27	Equipment is Free of Hazards	390l2	The equipment shall be free of sharp points or corners, splinters, protruding nails or bolts, loose or rusty parts, hazardous small parts, broken glass, lead- based paint or other poisonous materials.

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8.23	Vehicle Safe and Maintained	280n	A vehicle used by the center to transport children shall be maintained in mechanically safe condition at all times. The driver must inspect the vehicle before use each day, both internally and externally, including all safety equipment and possible hazards, and ensure that the headlights, turn signals, stop arms, and windshield wipers are in sound operating condition, that the tires are inflated to correct pressure and the vehicle has more than an adequate supply of fuel for transportation that day.
8.23	Medications Dispensed in Accordance with Instructions	360c3	Over-the-counter medications may be dispensed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions when provided by the parent with written permission.
8.23	Roof-Top Playground: State Fire Marshal Approval	390p	The Office of the State Fire Marshal or the Chicago Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau has approved in writing the use of the roof as a playground.
8.20	On Duty Staff Member: First Aid, Heimlich Maneuver, and CPR	100h	The center shall have on duty at all times at least one staff member who has successfully completed training and is currently certified in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the Heimlich maneuver, and for centers serving infants, first aid for choking infants in accordance with the approved method specified in the Department of Public Health's rules 77 Ill. Adm. Code 520 (The Treatment of Choking Victims). CPR certification must be specific for all age groups served, i.e., infant (birth to 12 months), child (one to eight years) and adult (eight years and older).
8.20	Outlets and Extension Cords	210c5	No extension cords shall be used in areas where children are permitted. All electrical cords not in use with supervision of an adult shall be unplugged and the outlets covered.
8.20	Warming Bottles in Microwaves	210c6	The means for warming bottles and food shall be accessible only to adults. Microwave ovens shall not be used for the purpose of warming bottles.
8.19	Staff/Child Ratios Maintained	280l	The staff/child ratios as listed in this subsection shall be maintained.

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8.19	Safety Restraints	280m	Age-appropriate safety restraints which are federally approved and labeled as such shall be used at all times when transporting children in vehicles having a gross weight of less than 10,000 pounds, except that individual safety restraints shall not be required when children ride as passengers in taxicabs or common carriers or public utilities operating under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Commerce Commission.
8.19	Hazardous Plants are Inaccessible to Children	380i	Poisonous or potentially harmful plants shall be inaccessible to children.
8.17	Materials and Equipment: Hazards	210d1	Equipment and play materials shall be durable and free from characteristics that may be hazardous or injurious to infants and toddlers. Hazardous or injurious characteristics include sharp or rough edges, toxic paint, and objects small enough to be swallowed.
8.15	Release of Children: Unknown Person	260e1	The staff shall refuse to release a child to any person, whether related or unrelated to the child, who has not been authorized by the parent or parents to receive the child. Persons not known to the staff shall be required to provide a driver's license (with photo), a photo identification card issued by the Illinois Secretary of State or other photo identification to establish their identity before the child is released to them.
8.15	Transportation of Infants and Toddlers	280l1	A driver alone may transport two infants or three toddlers and shall be assisted by an adult attendant for each additional one to three infants or one to four toddlers.
8.15	Infants and Toddlers: Cared for at Ground Level	370c	Infants and toddlers shall be housed and cared for at ground level.

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8.15	Adjustable Window Shades and Blinds: Strings and Cords	370e1	Strings and cords (as found on some window coverings) capable of forming a loop greater than 7 ¼" in diameter shall be inaccessible to children.
8.15	Electrical Outlets Covered	370e11	Electrical outlets within the reach of children shall be covered.
8.15	Extension Cords Meet Standards and are Inaccessible to Children	380h	Extension cords meeting Underwriters Laboratories or equivalent standards may be used provided that they are inaccessible to children and do not present any safety hazard.
8.15	Distance Between Vertical Slats or Poles	390I9c	Distances between vertical slats or poles, where used, must be 3½ inches or less (to prevent head entrapment).
8.13	Care and Safety of Children	90a	The day care center shall provide staff to ensure the care and safety of the children at all times.
8.12	Prohibited Animals	300f	The presence of monkeys, ferrets, turtles, iguanas, psittacine birds (birds of the parrot family) or any wild or dangerous animal is prohibited in the day care center.
8.12	Staffing During Naps	350I	Staffing during nap times shall be in accordance with Section 407.190(e).
8.12	Medication Administration Safety	360c1	Medication shall be administered in a manner that protects the safety of the child. A specific staff person shall be designated to administer and properly document the dispensation of the medication each day.

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8.12	Adequate Protection from Hazards	390g	The outdoor play area shall be adequately protected from traffic, water hazards, electrical transformers, toxic gases and fumes, railway tracks and animal hazards.
8.12	Equipment Securely Fastened to the Ground	390l5	Supports for climbing apparatus and large equipment shall be securely fastened to the ground.
8.12	Prevention of Finger Entrapment	390l9e	No opening shall be between $\frac{3}{8}$ inch and one inch in size (to prevent finger entrapment).
8.08	Shall Not Exceed Vehicle Passenger Capacity	280k	The number of children transported in a vehicle shall not exceed the manufacturer's rated passenger capacity.
8.08	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: Sleeping Position, Able to Roll	350i	Infants that can easily turn over from the back to stomach position shall be placed down to sleep on their backs, but allowed to adopt their preferred position while sleeping.
8.08	Storage of Medications	360d	Medications shall be safely stored.
8.08	Prohibition of Using Expired Medications	360e	Medication shall not be used beyond the date of expiration.
8.08	Prohibition of Toxic or Lead Paints and Finishes	370e3	Toxic or lead paints or finishes shall not be used on walls, window sills, beds, toys or any other equipment, materials or furnishings that may be used by children or within their reach.

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8.07	Staff and Child Ratios	90a3	Sufficient child care staff shall be provided to assure that staff/child ratios are maintained.
8.04	Medications Not Kept Where Food is Prepared or Stored	360d5	Medication shall not be kept in rooms where food is prepared or stored, unless refrigerated in a separate locked container.
8.04	Exits Unlocked and Free of Debris	370e10	Exits shall be kept unlocked and clear of equipment and debris at all times.
8.04	Critical Height Value of Protective Surface	390i2	The protective surface shall have a Critical Height value of at least the height of the highest accessible part of the equipment, unless rubber mats are used which have been manufactured specifically for this purpose and which comply with the requirements established by the Consumer Products Safety Commission or the American Society for Testing Materials.
8.04	Size of Exercise Rings	390l9a	Openings in exercise rings shall be smaller than 4½ inches or larger than 9 inches in diameter.
8.04	Angle of Openings	390l9d	No opening shall form an angle of less than 55° unless one leg of the angle is horizontal or slopes downward.
8.03	Special Needs of Children	190g	When the needs of individual children dictate, additional staff may be required to meet the needs of all children. The appropriate ratio shall be determined through consultation among the parent, staff, resource personnel and the Department.

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8.00	Ratios: Awake at All Times	240d	Staff counted for purposes of meeting child/staff ratio requirements shall be awake at all times and shall be in the sleeping area whenever children are sleeping. Nap time staff/child ratios may be applied to the children who are on their cots.
8.00	Prohibition of Emotional Abuse	270c6e	Any form of emotional abuse, including shaming, rejecting, terrorizing, or isolating a child is prohibited in all child care settings.
8.00	Center Free of Stray Animals	300e3	The child care center shall be free of stray animals which may cause injury and/or disease to children.
8.00	Staff: After Changing Diaper	320b3	Staff shall wash hands after changing a diaper.
8.00	Appropriate Bed: Infants, Crib Slats	350b1d	When using cribs with slats, cribs slats shall be spaced no more than 2 ³ / ₈ inches apart.
8.00	Infants and Toddlers: Distance Between Room and Exit	370c	Travel distance between any point in a room used for infants and toddlers and an exit discharging directly outside shall not exceed 150 feet.
8.00	Prohibition of Smoking and Tobacco Products	370i	There shall be no smoking or use of tobacco products in any form in the child care center or in the presence of children while on the playground or engaged in other activity away from the center.
8.00	Roof-Top Playground: Structural Clearance	390p	A structural clearance for the use of the roof as a play area has been obtained.

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7.96	Prohibition of Peeling or Damaged Paint or Plaster	370e3	Peeling or damaged paint or plaster shall be repaired promptly to protect children from possible hazards.
7.96	Fenced or Enclosed or Protected from Other Hazards	390f	All play space shall be fenced or otherwise enclosed or protected from traffic and other hazards.
7.96	Coverage Area of Protective Surfaces: Tire Swings	390i1b	For tire swings which rotate, the protective surface shall extend six feet beyond the farthest reach of the tire in all directions.