



Practice Alert

Inspecting a Resource Home for Foster Youth Placement

There are many safety standards required to allow a residence to be considered safe and appropriate for placement of foster youth.

Background checks and a safety walk through of the residence are completed before placing a foster youth in a home. For resource homes completing licensure or approval these checks are completed during the initial license or approval and at time of renewal of the license or approval. For unlicensed relative or kinship applicants, these checks are completed before a foster placement is made in the home.

The [Resource Home and Safety Checklist, CS-45](#), is the tool to assist a worker with engaging the resource family regarding safety standards of the home. [Licensing of Foster Family Homes rule, 13 CSR-35-60](#), lists all the physical safety standards which policy requires for the home to be compliant for foster youth placement. Before foster youth are placed, it is imperative for the worker to confirm the home meets all the safety standards including but not limited to:

- The fifteen items listed in Section C of the CS-45
- All rooms used for sleeping, living or dining purposes shall have at least two (2) means of exit. At least one (1) of which shall be a door or stairway providing a means of unobstructed travel to the outside
- For mobile homes there shall be an exit at each end of the home
- No room or space shall be occupied for living or sleeping purposes which is accessible only by a ladder, folding stairs or through a trap door

For the complete list of all the physical safety standard requirements of the home, refer to [13 CSR 35-60.040 Physical Standards for Foster Homes](#)

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