



Basic Equipment and Materials for Family Child Care

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Licensing rules may require modification of your home to protect the health and safety of the children in your care. Your child care licenser will determine the specific modifications you may need to make before you can be licensed.

Equipment Required by Licensing

- Electrical outlet covers/safety plugs
- Cabinet locks where hazardous materials are stored
- Smoke detectors
- Fire extinguishers
- Baby gates (top of stairs-mounted to wall)
- First-aid kits (See Child Care Aware® of North Dakota website for information)
- Emergency food/water and plans for action if parents cannot pick up their child or child care has to be relocated as a result of an emergency. (See Child Care Aware of North Dakota website for information)

Addition items your licenser may require (based on your specific needs)

- Anti-scalding device for hand washing sink
- Safety locks on doors that are off limits
- Finger pinch protection devices on doors
- Paper towel dispenser/soap dispenser
- Open garbage can
- Thermometer for refrigerator
- Highchairs/booster chairs
- Two covered, foot pedal garbage cans (one for kitchen and one for diapers)
- Diaper changing pad (water resistant, non-absorbent and free of stitching)
- Pack n plays/cribs and properly fitting sheets

Additional items to consider to enhance your program

- Nap mats/cots and sheets
- Child sized plates, cups, eating and serving utensils
- Child sized table and chairs
- Adequate amount of toys and play equipment
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