

Indiana Exemption

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Health and Safety Requirements

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Fingerprinting BG Checks

All criminal history reports must be clear of any felonies and/or misdemeanors related to the health or safety of a child. As well as any felony sex offense or other offense classified as a dangerous felony or any other felony less than 10 years old as of discharge date from probation, imprisonment or parole, and any misdemeanor related to welfare fraud.

IC 12-17.2-3.5-11 **Safety** • A provider shall provide a safe environment by ensuring that the following items are placed in areas that are inaccessible to children in the provider's care:

- Firearms and ammunition –
- Poisons, chemicals, bleach, and cleaning material –
- Medications ■ Medications shall be in the original container to allow caregivers to read and follow directions and be aware of side effects. •
- The Licensing Consultant will ensure that all medications given to or apply to a child are properly administered according to the parents and physician's directions.

Restroom and Hand Washing Standards

- A provider must assure all caregivers are following appropriate restroom and hand washing procedures, as defined by the office.

- The program must have toilets, which are in proper working order, accessible to children, and kept clean.

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DON'T WAIT...

Help a child

It's the right thing and it's the law.

You are **required** to report abuse and/or neglect.

Indiana law (IC 31-33-5-1) requires anyone who suspects child abuse or neglect to report it to the authorities.

If you work in a child care or youth serving program, you are a Professional Reporter and by law you must report suspected abuse and neglect.

Professionals who knowingly fail to make a report required by IC 31-33-5-2 commit a Class B misdemeanor.

Even if your organization has a policy and a designated reporter, you are still required by Indiana law to make a report yourself in most cases.

If you have **ANY** doubts or suspicions about whether or not to report abuse and/or neglect of a child, call the hotline: 1-800-800-5556

If you would like training on the detection and prevention of child abuse contact the Indiana Association for Child Care Resource and Referral at 1-800-299-1627

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