

Daycare Safety Checklist

To Prevent Daycare Injury, Avoid the Following Hazards:

- Openings that could entrap a child's head or limbs;
- Unsafe window guards;
- Elevated surfaces that are inadequately guarded;
- Lack of specified surfacing and fall zones under and around climbable equipment;
- Mismatched size and design of equipment for the intended users;
- Insufficient spacing between equipment;
- Tripping hazards;
- Components that can pinch, shear, or crush body tissues;
- Equipment that is known to be of a hazardous type (such as large animal swings);
- Sharp points or corners;
- Splinters;
- Protruding nails, bolts, or other components that could entangle clothing or snag skin;
- Loose, rusty parts;
- Hazardous small parts that may become detached during normal use or reasonably foreseeable abuse of the equipment and that present a choking, aspiration, or ingestion hazard to a child;
- Flaking paint, and
- Paint that contains lead or other hazardous materials.