

SAMPLE POLICY

*Please refer to MN Rule 9502.0405, Subp. 3 A.-P. Provider Policies

NAME
CHILD CARE HOME TITLE
COMPLETE ADDRESS
PHONE NUMBER

I welcome you and your children to my home. Since this will be your children's home away from home, I try to provide a safe, caring, homelike atmosphere for your children while providing for their physical, intellectual, emotional and social development.

Because this is a business arrangement, I have outlined my policies and procedures. I have met the requirements necessary to acquire my license from the State of Minnesota Statutes 9502.0300 to 9502.0445. All requirements are listed in the Family Child Care Licensing Rules, and are available for your review upon request (refer to 9502.0405, Subp. 3. N). This is also available on line at www.leg.state.mn.us.

LICENSE CAPACITIES (see 9502.0405, Subp. 3.A.)

My family child care license class _____ authorizes me to care for a total of _____ children who are under the age of eleven (11) years. Of these ____, no more than ____ children may be under school age. Of the __ under school age, no more than ____ children may be under the age of two (2). Of those _____, no more than _____ may be under the age of one (1).

LICENSING

To be relicensed annually by the Department of Human Services, I must complete continuing education requirements, pass a safety inspection and be interviewed by a county social worker. Periodically the county will contact some parents and ask them to complete an evaluation of my child care home and program. If you receive a questionnaire from them, please complete it and return it promptly to the county.

NONDISCRIMINATION (see 9502,0405, Subp. 3.F.)

I will not discriminate in relation to admissions of any child on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex or disability.

MEALS AND SNACKS (see 9502.0405, Subp. 3.C.D.)

I do participate in a federally funded food program; I am required to serve nutritious, well-balanced meals and snacks. I serve the following meals: breakfast, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; snack, 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.. If any food or bottles are brought from home, they must be labeled with the child's name. It is important to let me know if your child has any food allergies.

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I do not participate in a federally funded food program, but I do serve nutritious well-balanced meals and snacks.

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SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS (see 9502.0405, Subp. 3.E.)

I provide each child with a safe, comfortable sleep space, with separate bedding. Infants must sleep in cribs or port-a-cribs with waterproof mattresses or pads and a tight-fitting sheet.

Infants up to 12 months of age are not allowed to be in or sleep in bassinets, cradles, car seats, swings, infant carriers, drop-sided playpens, and may not sleep on couches, beds or the floor.

I will sleep infants on their backs according to the recommended guideline of the SIDS and American Academy of Pediatrics Foundation. If your baby needs to sleep in a position other than on his/her back, you will need to have a Physicians Directive for Alternative Infant Sleep Position form, which will be kept in your child's file.

ILLNESSES AND MEDICATIONS (see 9502.0405, Subp. 3.G)

Please do not bring your child into day care when he/she is sick. If your child becomes ill while in my care, I will keep him/her comfortable, isolate them from other children, check on them frequently, and notify you immediately. If your child has any of the following conditions: an oral temperature of 101 or higher; is vomiting; has diarrhea; or has an undiagnosed rash, I will expect you to make arrangements to come and take your child home. They should remain home for 24 hours after treatment of antibiotics, if necessary, and their temperature has returned to normal without the use of fever reducing medication. Please let me know in case of an infectious disease, so I can let other parents be aware.

The following are guidelines to help you decide if your child is well enough to come to day care.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Incubation period</u>	<u>Communicability</u>
Influenza	1-3 days	Exclude from day care until temperature has been normal for 24 hours.
Pink Eye	1-3 days	Exclude until 24 hours after treatment begins.
Strep throat	1-3 days	Exclude until 24 hours after first treatment and temperature has returned to normal.
Lice	Nits hatch from 6 - 10 days	Exclude from day care until first treatment is completed.

If your child contracts a serious, contagious illness listed in Minnesota Statute 4605.7040, I must report this to the Minnesota Department of Health.

I require written permission and instructions to administer prescription and nonprescription medication such as Tylenol, cough syrup, sunscreen lotions, diapering products, insect repellants, etc. Medicines must be supplied in its original container, have the child's name and current prescription information on the label.

IMMUNIZATIONS

The Immunization Record Form must be completed for each child prior to admission into my child care. Minnesota law requires that children enrolled in Minnesota day care homes must be current with required immunizations. If the child is 15 months or younger, has not received all required immunizations, or has a history of disease or is medically exempt from vaccines, the physician or the clinic representative will need to sign the immunization form. For children over 15 months, the parent may sign the record, if all required immunizations have been obtained. If you conscientiously oppose any required immunizations, I will need a notarized statement signed by the guardian.

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EMERGENCIES/BACK-UP (see 9502.0405, Subp. 3.L.)

The Admission and Arrangements Form must also be completed prior to admission. If, for any reason, your child would require emergency medical attention, I need to have your written permission to follow any steps necessary for his/her well-being. I will notify you at the earliest possible time. You will be responsible for all medical expenses incurred.

If, for any reason, I need to leave for an emergency, I have an adult who has had a background study completed who can come in for a short period of time until you arrive. In the event that I am ill or on vacation, and cannot provide care, you will need to have your own back-up arrangements available. I will notify you as soon as possible, when I am unable to provide care for your child.

EMERGENCY DRILLS (see 9502.0405, Subp. 3.H.)

I conduct and record monthly fire and storm drills. I have a fire evacuation plan that we practice monthly. During severe weather season, I talk about severe weather with the children.

TRANSPORTATION (see 9502.0405, Subp. 3.I.)

I have not taken the Child Passenger Restraint Training class. I will not be transporting your child(ren).

I have taken the Child Passenger Restraint Training class. (See below).

At times I transport the children to various activities. Before I may transport, I must have completed training on the proper use and installation of child restraint systems in motor vehicles. I must have your written permission to transport your children. Each child under the age of eight and shorter than four feet nine inches tall must be individually fastened in a safety seat (Minnesota Statute 169.685). All children must never be left unattended. In the event of a planned field trip a written permission form will be required.

I do give my provider permission to transport my child.

I do not give my provider permission to transport my child for any reason, except an emergency.

CLOTHING AND SUPPLIES

For infants, I may ask you to provide: formula, disposable diapers, wipes, baby bottles and two extra sets of clothes. For older children, I would appreciate an extra set of clothes. Children of all ages spend time out-of-doors each day, weather permitting. Please send: hats, mittens, winter jackets, snow pants and boots during colder weather.

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SMOKING (see 9502.0405, Subp. 3.P.)

Smoking is not allowed in my home during child care hours. This is according to Minnesota State Law, which was effective March 1, 1994.

SUPERVISION

I am required to be within sight or hearing of an infant, toddler or preschooler at all times so that I am capable of intervening to protect their health and safety. For school age children, I am required to be available for assistance and care. Written permission is needed from you if your school age child is to be off my property. This includes walking to/from the bus stop or school.

AUTHORIZED PERSONS

Occasionally your child may need to be picked up from child care by someone other than the guardian. Unless the names are listed on the Admissions and Arrangements Form, your child will not be released. In case of an emergency, please provide a reliable list of people to reach.

DISCIPLINE

I would like your views and ideas on the type of behavior guidance used in your home. Parenting methods that work at home are not always appropriate in the child care setting. According to the Minnesota Rule, I am not allowed to use any type of physical discipline, such as hand slapping, spanking, hitting, pinching, biting, etc., with child care children. Please do not ask me to use these methods. I will not do or say anything that will threaten, humiliate or frighten your child. I will try to redirect your child and use logical consequences for behavior guidance. A short period of "think time," away from the other children or activities may be necessary if a child does not respond to verbal messages. I believe that by rewarding and praising the many positive behaviors, the positives will be repeated.

PETS (see 9502.0405, Subp. 3.M.)

I have following pets in my home: _____. All are up-to-date on their rabies vaccination.

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ACTIVITIES

Activities are an important part of my child care program. They are informally structured to meet the needs of each child. Games and craft projects are designed to be challenging, but within the abilities of the child. Building blocks and construction toys encourage imagination and creativity; and puzzles teach problem-solving ability, shape and color recognition. Group activities teach cooperation and sharing, and many games help with counting and number skills. Cutting, pasting and coloring projects help develop coordination and small muscle control. Children of all ages spend some time outdoors every day, weather permitting. Outdoor activities strengthen and develop large muscles.

I will limit your child's television viewing while in my home. At times we may watch educational programs and movies. We celebrate each child's birthday, and plan parties or special projects for major holidays.

VACATION/HOLIDAYS (see 9502.0405, Subp. 3.L)

I am closed on the following holidays, and you will be required to pay for them, or the day celebrated, if they fall on weekdays: New Years' Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

I will notify you 30 days in advance of any changes in my rates. Rates are guaranteed whether or not you bring your children. Your two-week vacation period is permitted (with/without) compensation to me. You (will/will not) be responsible for paying me for my yearly two-week vacation. I will notify you in advance so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

PAYMENT (see 9502.0405, Subp. 3.K.)

I require that childcare payments be made in advance of when care is provided. Payment will be due on Monday for the upcoming week of care. I require a two-week written notice in advance of my termination, so I can plan accordingly. If none is given, two weeks additional payment must be made, whether or not your child is present. If I find that I can no longer care for your children, I will give you at least a two-week notice unless I feel there is risk to the health and safety of myself or any other children in my care.

At the end of the year, you will be given a receipt of total payments plus my tax ID number.

Some breakage and wear does occur to toys and furnishings in a child care home. If personal property damage is either deliberate or excessive, you will be expected to pay for it.

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CHILD CARE CONTRACT

(see 9502.0405, Subp. 3. J.)

My rate is _____ per _____ for the care of your children: _____,
_____ and _____.

My contracted hours are from _____am until _____pm, M T W TH F. Any time before or after your scheduled time will be considered overtime and there will be an overtime charge of \$_____ for every 30 minutes or portion of 30 minutes.

TRIAL PERIOD

Since an adjustment period is necessary, let us try out this agreement for _____weeks. If it is not satisfactory, we each have the right to terminate this agreement within that period.

I have received a copy of this provider's policies, Reporting Policy, and a Rule Summary. By signing this contract, I am acknowledging that I have read these policies and agree to abide by them.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Date

Provider Signature

Date