



OUTSIDE SAFETY REMINDERS

All children MUST go outside each day, weather permitting. Refer to the Wind Chill and heat Index charts in Chapter 5 for “weather permitting” recommendations.

Suggestions for working with parents who forget to bring appropriate clothing:

1. Have a second adult caregiver watch the children who will be staying indoors.
2. Inform parents that their child’s activities for the day may be restricted if they do not have appropriate clothing; boots, mittens, etc.
3. Have extra boots, coats, mittens, etc., for all ages so that all of the children will be able to go outside.

FENCES AND LOCKS

May be required if you live near:

- Railroad tracks
- A busy street
- Water
- Machinery hazards

If a fence is required, it must be a minimum of four feet high. Locks will be required for water hazards, i.e., pools, hot tubs, etc. Providers should discuss their individual circumstances with their licensor to ensure that requirements are met. Check with your city/township for their specific ordinances.

WADING POOLS, FOUNTAINS, HOT TUBS, SPAS, ETC.

Wading Pools and Swimming Pools:

There are special rules for each. Please see the separate packet included in this section.

Fountains, Hot Tubs, Spas, etc. are considered “standing water” and are **hazards**. They must be made inaccessible to children.

REMEMBER: A child can drown in as little as one inch of water.

GARAGES

If children have access to your garage, whether it is to get riding toys out or come into the house after playing outside then all toxins, tools or any other hazardous materials must be inaccessible.