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FIRE SAFETY IN CHILD CARE CENTERS WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Children are the future of New York. The City and the Fire Department share your concern about child safety! This pamphlet contains information to assist parents, families and caregivers in evaluating their child care options. Your decision on the right place for your child will take many factors into account. Most importantly, it will take their physical, emotional and personal development and well being into consideration. The FDNY wants to make it easy for you to add safety and emergency preparedness to your list.

✓ Is the Center licensed?

All Family Day Care and Group Family Day Care Homes must be registered, approved, and licensed by New York State. This license must be displayed in a prominent place in the home. **Ask to see the license.**

A valid NYS LICENSE contains the following:

- a. The location of the home that may be used for Day Care.
- b. The number and ages of the children approved for Day Care.
- c. The effective and expiration dates of the license.
- d. Any special services the facility may provide.

✓ We encourage you to ask potential providers what they would do in the event of an emergency. **An approved Emergency Action Plan must be prominently displayed.** This plan will show the two required means of egress that the children will have to use during an emergency. Take time to review the plan.

✓ Is the Center clean and safe? **All Family & Group Family Day Care Homes must have an approved Health Plan to care for children.**



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