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To All Child Placing Agencies:

Please review the rules and regulations regarding foster homes with swimming pools, and the links on summer safety that are provided below. Each Child Placing Agency (CPA) should ensure that home studies address the safety of swimming pools on the premises, and that their foster families are providing appropriate supervision and practicing the general safety tips below.

The following rule applies to the safety of swimming pools for all Child Placing Agencies: 0826 Foster Care Services. Minimum Requirements. 290-9-2-.07(5)(a)9.(ii):

(X) A statement as to whether or not there is a swimming pool on the premises, and if a swimming pool is present at the home, it is fenced with a locked gate to prevent unsupervised access and it meets all applicable community ordinances.

In addition, while not an exhaustive list of safety tips, the following links are on general safety:

Summer Safety Tips: Sun and Water Safety

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/news/Pages/Summer-Safety-Tips-Sun-and-Water-Safety.aspx>

Heat Safety in Cars

<http://www.safekids.org/preventing-heatstroke>

Water Safety

www.safekids.org/water-safety

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Furniture Tip-over Safety

http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_risks/tv-and-furniture-tip-overs?gclid=CLOX9uHUp80CFUM8gQodJLcDoQ

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Carol Winstead, Director of the Residential Child Care Licensing Unit at (404) 657-9651.

Sincerely,



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