



COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT FOR FOSTER/SHELTER HOMES WITH SWIMMING POOLS, HOT TUBS, SPAS OR PROPERTY WITH UNPROTECTED WATER HAZARDS

As a pool, hot tub, or spa owner, or a resident with an unprotected water hazard, I/we am aware that I/we must adhere to the following safety precautions to obtain and maintain substitute care licensure, and I/we agree to the following:

- (1) The home must have a safe outdoor play area as part of the property or within reasonable walking distance (within 1000 feet) if unprotected water hazards are located in or bordering the property. A safe outdoor play area is defined as a recreational/leisure area that is fenced to a height of at least 4 feet and effectively blocks exit to the surrounding outdoor area. If a water hazard cannot be fenced because of deed or local/county ordinance restrictions, we understand and agree that the children will be supervised by an adult at all times they are outside.
- (2) Children placed in foster family homes or emergency shelter family homes with swimming pools, should be taught how to swim and be instructed in water safety as appropriate to their age.
- (3) Swimming pools must have a barrier on all four sides of at least four feet. The barrier may consist of a house plus a fence on the remaining three sides or a four-sided fence. All access through the barrier must have a bolt lock located at a height not accessible to children. When the swimming pool is not in use, all entry points must be locked. Above ground pools must have steps or ladders leading to it secured, locked, or removed when the pool is not in use. Hot tubs and spas shall be required to have a safety cover that is locked when not in use.
- (4) Swimming pools, hot tubs or spas in open areas of homes, (such as lanais, Florida rooms, etc.) where more than one barrier (side) around the pool consists of part of the house, safety features (noted above) must effectively block access through each entry way (sliding glass doors, windows, etc.). If not acceptable, then an interior fence of at least four feet in height must effectively block entrance into the pool from the common area freely accessible through the home.
- (5) When foster children wish to use the pool or participate in water activities, the following applies:
 - (a) Children who are not proficient in swimming shall not be allowed in the pool.
 - (b) Direct adult supervision shall be required when children are using the swimming pool, spa or hot tub or are in the pool area.
- (6) All high risk recreation, boating, water sports, or contact sports shall have direct adult supervision.

(7) Swimming pools must be equipped with one of the following life saving devices. Please indicate which of the following devices are present: Check All that Apply:
 Ring buoy Rescue tube Alarm Baby Gate
 flotation device with a rope attached which is sufficient length to cover the area.
 Other: Please Explain: _____

Please describe the inside and outside locks to prohibit access to the pool area: _____

(8) As a prerequisite to licensure, foster and emergency shelter parents who have swimming pools will be required to complete a basic water safety course administered by the American Red Cross, YMCA or other national organizations. **Date of Water Safety Completion:** ___/___/___

_____/___/___ _____/___/___
Foster Mother date Foster Father date

_____/___/___

Licensing Counselor

date