

101238 Buildings and Grounds

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The child care center shall be clean, safe, sanitary and in good repair at all times to ensure the safety and well-being of children, employees and visitors. (1) The licensee shall take measures to keep the center free of flies, other insects, and rodents. (2) The licensee shall safely dispose of water and any disinfectants/solutions that have been used for cleaning.

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All outdoor and indoor passageways, stairways, inclines, ramps, open porches and

other areas of potential hazard shall be kept free of obstruction.

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General permanent or portable storage space shall be available for the storage of the center's equipment and supplies. (1) Such equipment and supplies shall be stored in this space and shall not be stored in space used to meet other requirements specified in this chapter.

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All licensees shall ensure the inaccessibility of pools, including swimming pools (in-ground and above-ground), fixed-in-place wading pools, hot tubs, spas, fish ponds or similar bodies of water, through a pool cover or by surrounding the pool with a fence. (1) Fences shall be at least five feet high and shall be constructed so that the fence does not obscure the pool from view. The bottom and sides of the fence shall comply with Division 1, Appendix Chapter 4 of the 1994 Uniform Building Code. In addition to meeting all of the aforementioned requirements for fences, gates shall swing away from the pool, self-close and have a self-latching device located no more than six inches from the top of the gate. Pool covers shall be strong enough to completely support the weight of an adult and shall be placed on the pool and locked while the pool is not in use.(A) If licensed prior to June 1, 1995, child care centers with existing pool fencing shall be exempt from the fence requirements specified in Section 101238(e)(1) until such fence is replaced or structurally altered. If the licensee replaces or alters the fence, it shall meet the requirements specified in Section 101238(e)(1). (2) Where an above-ground pool structure is used as the fence or where the fence is mounted on top of the pool

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(f)

All in-ground pools, and all above-ground pools that cannot be emptied after each use shall have an operative pump and filtering system.

(g)

Disinfectants, cleaning solutions, poisons and other items that could pose a danger if readily available to children shall be stored where inaccessible to children. (1) Storage areas for poisons shall be locked. (2) Firearms and other weapons shall not be allowed on or stored on the premises of a child care center.

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(h)

Medicines shall be stored as specified in Section 101226(e) and separately from items specified in Section 101238(g) above.

(i)

The items specified in Section 101238(g) above shall not be stored in food-storage areas or in storage areas used by or for children.