

ADDENDUM TO FORM F

When assessing a prospective foster home, it is important to discuss all aspects of child safety. This is especially important if the child likely to be placed is under 10 or has disabilities. The Departmental expectation is that foster carers have child safety measures to the same standard as any responsible parent.

1.	Use of stair-gate* (especially on open plan stairs)	YES	NO
2.	Use of lockable medicine cabinet* (or medicines kept safely out of reach)	YES	NO
3.	Fireguard* or protective covers for all heating equipment	YES	NO
4.	Safety caps* on electric sockets	YES	NO
5.	Use of coiled wire* on electric items, especially kettles	YES	NO
6.	Use of cooker safety guard*	YES	NO
7.	Use of safety catches* on upstairs windows	YES	NO
8.	Use of protective film* on glass doors / french windows	YES	NO
9.	Enclosed play space out of doors	YES	NO
10.	Bath mat	YES	NO
11.	Use of car seat / seat belts / boosters cushions*	YES	NO
12.	Out working machines	YES	NO
13.	Smoke Detectors.	YES	NO

Also discuss safe use of toys, appropriate floor coverings i.e. not using mats on slippery floor, securing front door / front gate especially if there is immediate access onto busy road.

*Available if necessary from the Fostering Equipment Budget.