

Preparing for Summer: Key Licensing Rules for Child Care Programs

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WHAT WE'LL COVER

- System Information
- Swimming and Water Activities
- Transportation and Field Trip Safety Requirements
- Outdoor Play Space Safety
- Importance of Active Supervision

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SYSTEM INFORMATION

- What is a system?
 - A fully developed or carefully formulated method emphasizing rational orderliness.
 - A method is an orderly logical arrangement usually in steps.

SWIMMING AND WATER ACTIVITIES

5180:2-12-24 AND 5180:2-13-24

- Swimming and water safety requirements
 - Lifeguard must be present
 - Activities in bodies of water 18 inches or more require a lifeguard present (centers)
 - Lifeguard cannot be counted to meet ratio
 - Staff member must actively supervise and be able to clearly see all parts of the pool, including the bottom
 - No swimming in lakes, ponds, rivers, creeks
 - Swimming site cannot be accessible to children, when not in use

NON-COMPLIANCES: SWIMMING AND WATER ACTIVITIES

- Serious Risk Non-Compliances:
 - No Lifeguard Present
 - Lifeguard Used in Ratio
 - Staff Not Actively Supervising Children
 - Swimming Site Accessible
 - Child(ren) Swimming in Lakes, Ponds, Rivers, etc.

TRANSPORTATION AND FIELD TRIP SAFETY

5180:2-12-14 AND 5180:2-13-14

- Field Trip Vs. Routine Trip
- What should be considered when taking a field trip?
 - Permission forms completed by parents
 - Staff/child ratios always met
 - Items to take:
 - Cell phone (means of communication)
 - First aid supplies
 - Child enrollment/medical forms
 - Child identification

TRANSPORTATION AND FIELD TRIP SYSTEMS

- Check and restock first aid kits regularly
- Use a portable file box for child records
- Assign one adult to one smaller group
- Create bus loading/ unloading procedure
- Check vehicle for car seats and other items needed
- Ensure driver qualifications for staff members

NON-COMPLIANCES: TRANSPORTATION AND FIELD TRIP SAFETY

- Moderate Risk Non-Compliances:
 - Transporting child under 12 years old in front seat
 - Child's DCY 01236 (medical/physical care plan form) and/or required items needed not taken on trip
 - Not meeting additional adult requirements

NON-COMPLIANCES: TRANSPORTATION AND FIELD TRIP SAFETY

- Serious Risk Non-Compliances:
 - Driver not 18 years old
 - Driver not appropriately licensed
 - Driver under the influence of drugs, alcohol or other substances that could impair driving

TRANSPORTATION AND FIELD TRIP SAFETY

Field Trip Scenario



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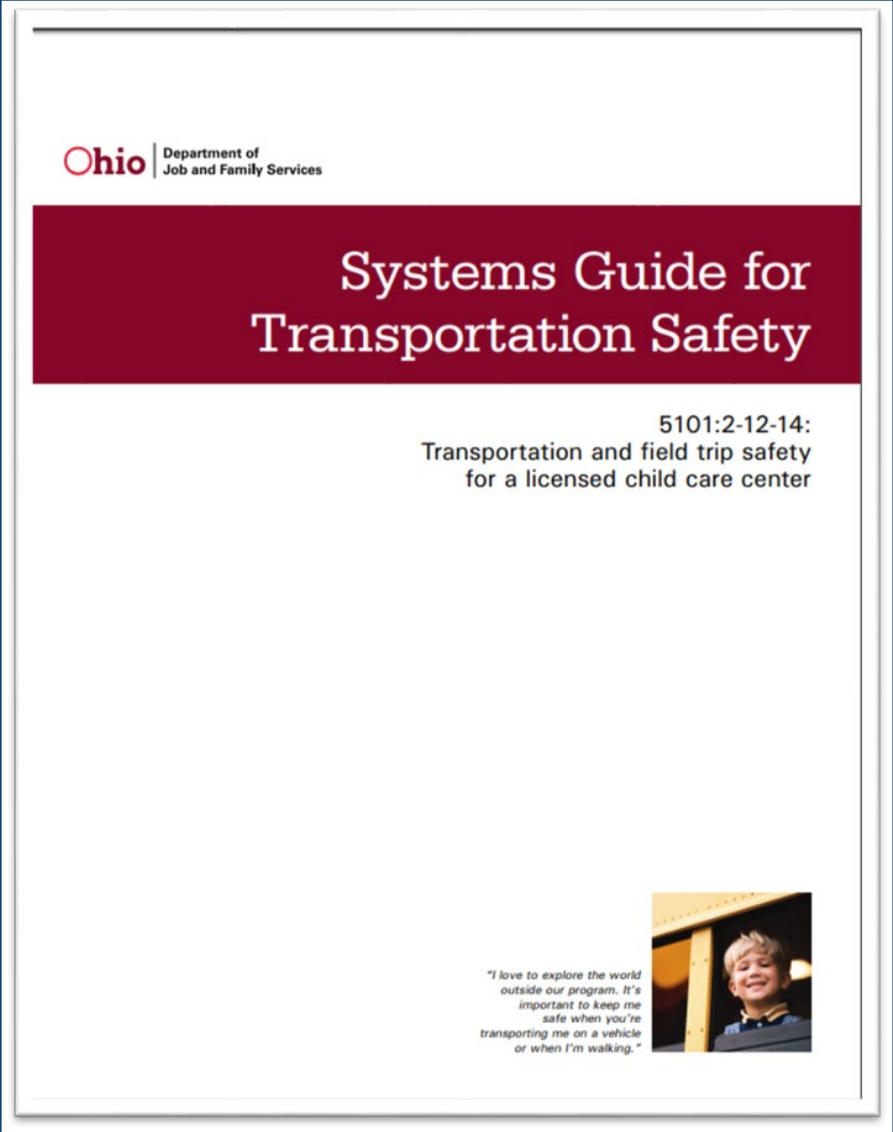
The program took 10 children to the apple orchard with two staff members. Name two items the program needs to take with them on the trip.



Checklist

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- _____
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SYSTEMS GUIDE FOR TRANSPORTATION SAFETY



OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE

5180:2-12-11 AND 5180:2-13-11

- Natural Barriers, Fences and Protection from Hazards
- Off-Site Play Areas
- Fall Zones
- Safe Equipment

OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE TIPS

- Off-Site Play Areas
 - Consider the age of children (equipment at the play area, transportation, etc.)
 - Accessibility of bathrooms, shade and drinking water
 - Route to the site must be safe

OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE TIPS

- Fall Zone
 - Manufacturer Guidelines
 - How Far Equipment May Go (Swings, Slides, Etc.)

OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE TIPS

- Safe Equipment
 - Create system to check equipment regularly
 - Repair or replace broken equipment
 - Install equipment based on manufacturer's guidelines

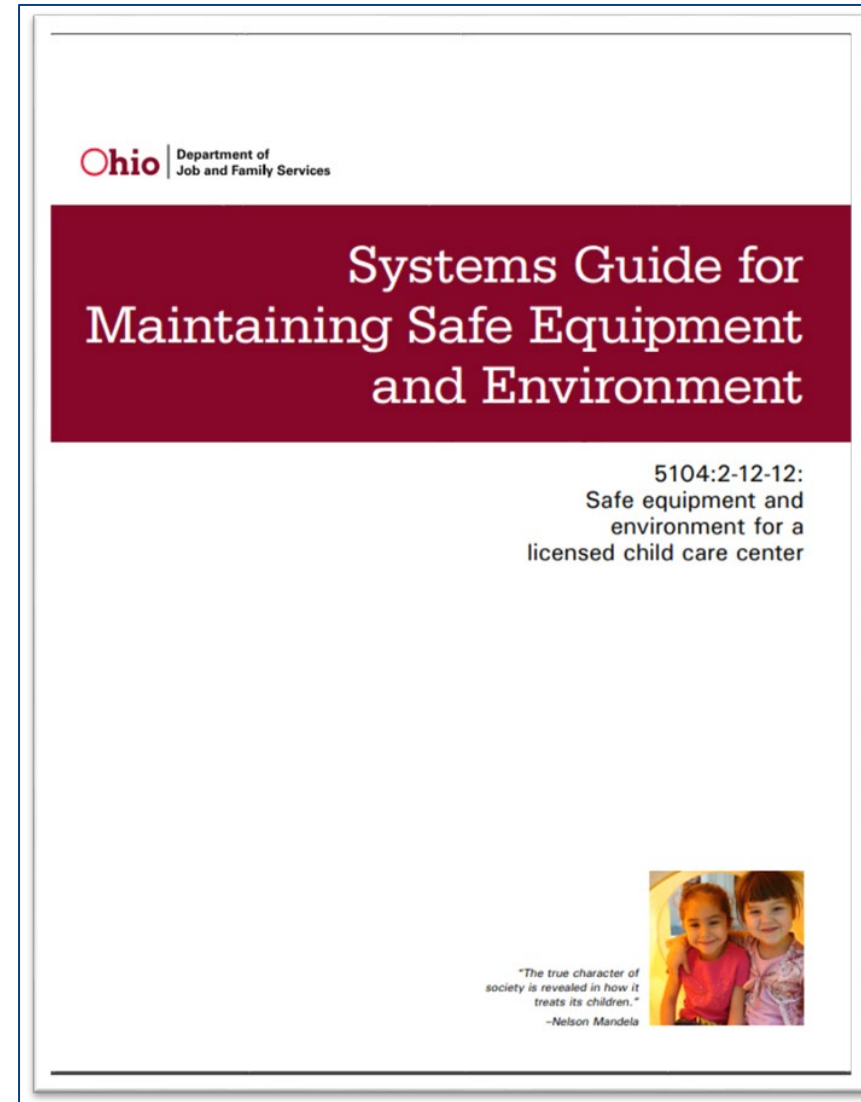
NON-COMPLIANCES: OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE

- Moderate Risk Non-Compliances:
 - “S” hooks not closed
 - Equipment and/or robes not securely anchored
 - Entrapment hazards exist
 - Protective surface missing or inadequate
 - Fence or barrier (missing or inadequate)
 - Unsafe route to off-site play area

SYSTEMS GUIDES FOR OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE

**DCY 01558 “SYSTEMS GUIDE FOR
MAINTAINING OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE”**

**DCY 01563 “SYSTEMS GUIDE FOR
MAINTAINING SAFE EQUIPMENT AND
ENVIRONMENT”**



SUPERVISION AND CHILD GUIDANCE 5180:2-12-19

- The Child Care Staff Member must
 - Meet the basic needs of the children and protect children from harm
 - Leave no child unsupervised, inside and outside of the facility
 - Ensure all children are always within sight and hearing, inside and outside of the facility
 - Not be under the influence of substances that impair the ability to safely care for children





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