

# ChildCareVA – Child Care Checklist

**CHILD CARE FACILITY:**

**PROVIDER NAME:**

## ASK THE PROVIDER...

Is this child care facility/program licensed?

If not, what exemption are you operating under?

What are the qualifications and training requirements of your child care staff?

What are the health and safety practices?

Do all staff members complete background checks before working here?

Are first-aid and CPR-trained staff on location at all times?

What is the child-to-staff ratio at its maximum and minimum? How do you maintain this ratio to ensure my child will have a consistent caretaker?

How often are fire drills or evacuation procedures practiced?

How will a medical emergency be handled?

What would a typical day be like for my child?

Can I see the children's sleep space and your practices for putting down a child to nap?

## NOTES

Visit [ChildCareVA.com](http://ChildCareVA.com) to search for child care providers and view inspection reports.

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## CONSIDER THESE QUESTIONS...

- Were children happy and engaged?
- Were staff patient and kind towards the children?
- Did staff show interest in my child?
- Will I trust this person with my child?
- Will my child be comfortable here?
- Will this program support my child's learning and development?
- Are there enough age-appropriate toys and materials?
- Was the physical space safe, clean and organized?
- Were dangerous or hazardous items locked and out of reach from children?
- What do other parents say about the program?