Home inspection checklist for guardians

Applicant Details

Name	Name

Address of house inspected

Details

Date	Time

People present at time of inspection

Names

Inspection Details

Lounge, dining, living, other Rooms

Loose cables, cords or tripping objects? *(if yes, note risk mitigation below)*	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Electric socket covers? *(if small children in family)*	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Electric cords in good condition? *(not frayed)*	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Glass doors with safety glass and marking stickers?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Other concerns?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**

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Kitchen

Loose cables, cords or tripping objects? *(if yes, note risk mitigation below)*	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Electric socket covers? *(if small children in family)*	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Electric cords in good condition? *(not frayed)*	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Safe storage of utensils, cleaning fluids, medicines and alcohol?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Safety locks on lower cupboards? *(if small children in family)*	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**

Food stored hygienically?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Other concerns?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**

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Stairs

Tread covers secure and even?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
		☐ **NA**
Banister to protect child from falling secure?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
		☐ **NA**

Other concerns?

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Bathroom, toilet and laundry

Safe storage of medicines, cleaners, razors, electrical appliances?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Benches and tiles lack sharp edges?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Other concerns?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**

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Bedroom planned for child or young person

Adequate space for appropriate furniture or storage?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Adequate privacy available?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Adequate light and ventilation?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Adequate sleeping arrangements?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Other concerns?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**

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Notes: Each child or young person should have their own bed or cot.
Refer to the Notes page for additional information on Cots.

Health and Safety

Home is clean and hygienic?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Smoking occurs inside the house?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Smoking occurs outside the house?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Licenced firearms or ammunition are securely stored? ☐ **NA**	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
First aid kit in home?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Adequate indoor space for play?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Other concerns?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**

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Fire Safety

Smoke detectors are installed and working?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Access doors and windows easily opened in event of fire?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Other concerns?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**

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Garden, garage and outdoor area

Safe storage of garden equipment, tools and chemicals?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Adequate outdoor space for play?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Adequate fencing for safe play?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Suitable fencing of pools, spas, ponds and dams? ☐ **NA**	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Pool is Council registered and compliant? ☐ **NA**	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Other concerns?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**

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Notes: Refer to the notes page for additional information on swimming pools

Vehicle

Room, seatbelts and child car seat available in vehicle for extra child?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Vehicle comprehensively insured?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
First aid kit in car?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Other concerns?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**

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Pets ☐ **NA**

Hygienic feeding, sleeping and waste disposal?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Fish tanks secure?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Lack of animals that may harm children?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Other concerns?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**

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Assessor Details

Name	Title

Signature	Date

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Cots

Refer to the safe sleeping brochure found at www.sidsandkids.org.

Unsafe cots for babies and young children:

- The cot does not meet the *Australian Standard for Cots*. All new and second-hand cots must meet the Australian Standard for Cots (***AS2172***) and will carry a label to say so.
- The cot mattress is not the right size for the cot (there should not be more than 25mm – 1inch gap between the mattress and the cot sides and ends).
- There are pillows, doonas, quilts or other soft objects inside the cot.

Swimming Pools

An unsafe swimming pool is not registered on the ***NSW Swimming Pool Register*** and does not have a valid ***Pool Compliance Certificate*** from the local council.

The *Swimming Pools Act 1992* describes a swimming pool as an excavation, structure or vessel that is capable of being filled with water to a depth greater than 300 millimetres. A spa and a portable or inflatable pool are classified as a swimming pool by the Act, which requires all swimming pools to be adequately fenced and have a child-resistant barrier installed. A spa pool must be fenced if it is not covered and secured by a lockable lid.

Swimming pools must be compliant with the *Swimming Pool Amendment Act 2012*. Under this Act swimming pool owners are required to register their pool on the ***NSW Swimming Pool Register***. Local councils are required to carry out pool inspections to ensure all pools comply with the required standards. Pool owners must contact their local council to organise a pool inspection. A Pool Compliance Certificate will be issued if the pool is compliant. There is a fee charged for pool inspections and the ***Pool Compliance Certificate***. Further information can be found at www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au