

RULE GUIDANCE

Child-Safety Lock Requirements



GUIDANCE TOPIC

What items must be stored under child-safety lock?

LICENSE TYPE AND RULES

Registered Family Child Care (RF)

ORAR 414-205-0110(1)(k): Cleaning supplies, paints, matches, lighters, and plastic bags kept under child-safety lock;

ORAR 414-205-0110(1)(l): Other potentially dangerous items, such as medicine, drugs, sharp knives and poisonous and toxic materials kept under child-safety lock.

Certified Family Child Care (CF)

ORAR 414-350-0170(9)(b): Items of potential danger (e.g., cleaning supplies and equipment, paints, poisonous and toxic materials, plastic bags, aerosols, detergents) shall be stored under child-proof lock;

ORAR 414-350-0180(9)(e): All medications shall be secured in a tightly-covered container with a child-proof lock or latch and stored so that they are not accessible to children.

Certified Child Care Center (CC)

ORAR 414-300-0170(1)(i)(B): Items of potential danger to children (e.g., cleaning supplies and equipment, poisonous and toxic materials, paints, plastic bags, aerosols, detergents) shall be secured by a child-proof lock or latch;

ORAR 414-300-0230(2)(a): All medications shall be secured in a tightly-covered container with a child-proof lock or latch.

WHY THESE RULES ARE IN PLACE

To protect the health, safety and wellbeing of children, most items of potential danger must be stored under child-safety lock. It is recommended potentially dangerous items that are not required to be under child-safety lock are stored out of reach of children.

HOW THIS MAY LOOK IN YOUR PROGRAM

Note: This is not an exhaustive list of items and is intended only as a reference tool

Items that must be stored under child-safety lock	Items that need to be stored out of reach of children
Disinfecting solutions, including bleach/water, and other cleaning solutions in RF, CF, and CC in all areas of the facility (except diaper changing area in CC)	Bleach/water disinfecting solution and pre-mixed commercial disinfecting solution in the diaper changing area (CC setting only)
All other sanitizing solutions (not including bleach/water)	Bleach/water sanitizing solution
Premixed commercial cleaning, sanitizing, and/or disinfecting solutions and sprays	Soap and water cleaning solution

Items that must be stored under child-safety lock	Items that need to be stored out of reach of children
Automatic dishwasher detergents (e.g. powders, gels, tablets)	Liquid dishwashing detergents
Mentholated heat rubs	Sunscreen and diaper rash cream
Perfumes, colognes and body spray if alcohol-based	Hand and body lotion, deodorants, non-alcohol based body spray
Medicated shampoos (containing lindane products) and hair coloring products	Hair shampoo, conditioners, gels, and hairspray
Nail polish removers (containing acetone) and primers (containing methacrylic acid)	Nail polishes and shaving creams
Mouthwashes	Toothpaste
All prescription and nonprescription medications (e.g. vitamins, eye drops containing imidazolines)	Protein powder mixes and contact lens solutions
Aerosol air fresheners and aerosol sprays	Plug in and standalone non-aerosol air fresheners; incense
Essential oils	Essential oil diffusers
Rubbing alcohol	Alcohol-based hand sanitizer
Any open container of alcohol	Any unopened container of alcohol
Plastic bags that are large enough to fit over a child's head, including plastic bags in diaper changing area	
Disinfecting wipes	
Laundry detergent and fabric softener	
Kitchen knives, knife blocks, adult scissors, razors, and batteries	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In addition to items that are listed in the chart above, the following items must remain under child-safety lock at all times:

- Pesticides including insect repellent
- Flammable and combustible liquids, such as paint thinner, gasoline, and kerosene
- Items under pressure in an aerosol can or dispenser
- Corrosive substances such as hydrogen peroxide, oven cleaners, and drain cleaners
- All materials used for starting fires, such as matches, lighters, and accelerants
- Lawnmowers, adult garden tools, power tools, handsaws, sharp knives, and other sharp objects such as darts
- Loose nails and screws

- Chemicals related to lawn/yard care
- All marijuana, marijuana derivatives and associated paraphernalia

For RF and CF, firearms, pellet and BB guns, and other weapons, must be unloaded and stored under lock. Ammunition must be stored separately and under lock. For CC, firearms are prohibited.

OCC LICENSING SPECIALIST MAY REVIEW

Areas of the program where hazardous items may be stored. Common practice includes reviewing where medications, cleaning products, sharp kitchen knives, and other hazardous materials are stored to ensure these items are under child-safety lock.

Best Practice for Accident Prevention & Storage of Hazardous Items:

- If product label reads “keep out of reach of children,” it is recommended those items be placed under child-safety lock if not already required in rule.
- Store all hazardous items in one cupboard or cabinet equipped with a child-safety lock.
- Use items according to the manufacturer's instructions only.
- Store toxic substances separate from medications and food.
- Keep devices you use to unlock storage units out of children’s reach and not inside/nearby the lock.
- Do not use these items when child care children are present or on site.
- Keep items in their original package, bottle, or container to prevent mix-ups.
- Program the poison control center number in your phone: 1-800-222-1222.
- Remember child-resistant packaging is not child-proof.

OPTIONAL RESOURCES

Poison Control Source: <https://www.ohsu.edu/oregon-poison-center> Tel: 1-800-222-1222

Poison Prevention Online Training: Poison Prevention Online Training | Oregon Poison Center
<https://www.ohsu.edu/oregon-poison-center/poison-prevention-online-training>

Oregon Administrative Rules, Oregon Department of Education, Early Learning Division, Chapter 414, Divisions 205 [Registered Family Child Care Homes](#), 300 [Certified Child Care Centers](#), and 350 [Certified Family Child Care](#) Homes.

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