

DAYCARE QUESTIONS

Will I be charged if my child is absent, whether for illness, vacation or inclement weather?

For which holidays will you be closed?

What is your policy regarding sick children? At what point are they sent home or told to stay home?

How is discipline handled?

I would like open door access to check in on my child at any time while they are in your care. Is that acceptable?

What is the teacher to child ratio? (Note: The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that the maximum child-staff ratio for 13-35 month children is four to 1.)

Are there supplies I am responsible to purchase?

Are there webcams that will allow me to monitor my child while in your care?

If my child has special dietary needs, how do you handle that? (You can get a kid-friendly allergy alert bracelet.)

Are the entrances secure, or can anyone walk in?

Are babies put to sleep on their back and monitored while sleeping?

Is the playground fenced and inspected regularly for safety issues?

What is the plan in case of natural disaster or criminal threat? Do the children practice those plans at least once a month?

How do providers handle children who bite?

Do providers keep one hand on babies at all times when changing them?

Will I receive an incident report if my child is hurt?

Does everyone who works at the daycare center undergo a criminal background check?

Are all caregivers certified in first aid and CPR?

How often do you sanitize toys? Are baby changing surfaces sanitized after each use?

Will you alert me when there is a contagious illness in the center?

Are there handwashing guidelines for workers?

What is the policy regarding medications? What measures are taken to be sure each child receives the correct medication?