

Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership

Multi-Agency Home Environment Assessment Tool

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Keeping Children Safe

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Name of family

Name(s) and age(s) of children

Date of assessment

Was the visit announced?

Yes No

Practitioner undertaking assessment (name)

Job title

Service

Please note: Initial visit date - Yes (strength) or N/A (0)
No (requires improvement) (1)

1.0 Observations of interior and exterior of home	Initial visit date Yes (0) No (1)	Impact on child/ren Specific details (if required)
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<p>1.1 Home is free from pet/animal hazards including faeces/vermin, excessive animal hair and there is no evidence of fleas/bedbugs.</p>		
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<p>1.2 Home free from rubbish/clutter/hoarding which is likely to pose a safety risk to children.</p>		
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1.0 Observations of interior and exterior of home	Initial visit date		Impact on child/ren Specific details (if required)
	Yes (0)	No (1)	

1.3 Home in state of good repair.

1.4 The garden/outside space is safe and free from rubbish, animal faeces.

1.5 There are adequate home furnishings.

2.0 Health and Safety Issues	Initial visit date		Impact on child/ren Specific details (if required)
	Yes (0)	No (1)	

2.1 The home environment is safe and clear of hazards and age-appropriate safety equipment present.

2.0 Health and Safety Issues

Initial visit date
Yes (0) No (1)

Impact on child/ren
Specific details (if required)

2.2 There is no evidence of weapons within home or garden.

2.3 The home is warm, well ventilated and has no unpleasant odour.

2.4 There is no evidence of exposed needles/drug paraphernalia/medicines/alcohol in sight or reach of children.

2.5 There is evidence of animals in the home being well cared for and supervised around the child/ren. The animal is not considered dangerous and/or there is not a history of animal bites?

2.0 Health and Safety Issues

Initial visit date
Yes (0) No (1)

Impact on child/ren
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2.6 Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are present and in working order.

2.7 Where there are smokers in the household are they following advice of smoking around children?

3.0 Sleeping Arrangements

Initial visit date
Yes (0) No (1)

Impact on child/ren
Specific details (if required)

3.1 The children and family members have access to safe sleeping environment.

3.2 The beds and furnishings are clean and in good state of repair.

3.0 Sleeping Arrangements

Initial visit date
Yes (0) No (1)

Impact on child/ren
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3.3 The mattress are clean with sufficient bedclothes on children's bed.

3.4 There are no locks/bolts or ties on the outside of the bedroom doors, children can freely get out of their bedrooms.

4.0 Care of babies and children

Initial visit date
Yes (0) No (1)

Impact on child/ren
Specific details (if required)

4.1 Is there sterilizing equipment, baby milk and nappies?

4.2 Does the child have safe toys that are designed for their age?

4.0 Care of babies and children	Initial visit date		Impact on child/ren Specific details (if required)
	Yes (0)	No (1)	

4.3 Do babies and children have space and freedom to play safely?

4.4 Is there age appropriate supervision of the child (also consider age appropriate babysitters).

4.5 The child has a toothbrush and uses it daily and has no pain or toothache. The child is registered with a dentist and visits regularly.

5.0 Any other issues or observations the practitioner or family member wishes to raise?	Initial visit date		Impact on child/ren Specific details (if required)
	Yes (0)	No (1)	

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