



# Child Care Licensing

Idaho Department of Health & Welfare Division of Family and Community Services

## Bleach, bug spray, hydrocarbons, bug bites and stings could send you to the emergency room this summer

The Idaho Poison Center is getting ready for summer, which is the busiest time of year for the hotline. Bleach (especially if it's been rainy, and mold and mildew is growing), bug bites and stings, insect repellent, hydrocarbons and food safety are some of the most common topics for calls the center receives at this time of year. Nurses at the

Idaho Poison Center are available to help 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Program the center's number, 1-800-222-1222, into your cellphone so you have it handy no matter where you are.

● **Household bleach** has many uses around the house, but it can cause problems if it gets in the eyes or is swallowed. Bleach should never be used with other

cleaning products. When it comes in contact with other cleaners that contain acids or ammonia, a dangerous gas can form and cause serious breathing problems. Keep it stored out of the reach of children.

● **Insect bites and stings:** Bees, wasps and other stinging insects are out in force in the warmer summer months. If you are stung, call the poison center. Watching for an allergic reaction is important, especially in the first hour after a sting.

● **Insect repellents** that contain DEET should be applied sparingly to exposed skin and clothing. Lower concentrations of less than 10 percent have been found to be just as effective as

higher concentrations. Keep the bug spray out of reach of children, or stored safely out of their reach on camping and other outdoors trips.

● **Hydrocarbons found in gasoline, kerosene, lighter fluids and torch fuels** are among the top 10 causes of childhood poisoning deaths in the United States. Make sure to store these items out of reach of children after you use them.

● **Food safety** is especially difficult when the temperatures rise. Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. All meats should be fully cooked to be sure bacteria are destroyed. Meats should be cooked to 160 degrees, as measured on a food thermometer. It's not possible to tell if meat is fully cooked by looking at it.

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## RULE REVIEW 16.06.02 758 01C Transporting Children in a Clean and Safe Vehicle

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#### Transporting Children

#### In a vehicle that is maintained in a clean and safe condition:

All licensed Children's Residential Care Facilities and Agencies must transport children in vehicles that are maintained in a clean and safe manner. Again, this rule leaves some room for interpretation.

The IDHW has turned to the Idaho Transportation Department of Motor Vehicles to **assist** with the general guidelines in this cover. Under Idaho law, you may not drive any vehicle that is mechanically unsafe. In addition, if your vehicle needs repairs, lacks vital equipment, or presents some other danger, you are responsible for correcting the problem.

Required equipment includes:

**Brakes:** there must be two brake systems designed so that if one fails the other still works.

**Headlights:** Two headlights with high and low beams.

**Brake Lights:** Red lights visible for at least 100 feet to the rear in normal sunlight.

**Taillights:** Two red lights mounted on the left and right rear of the vehicle.

**Turn Signals:** Flashing electric left and right turn signals that can be controlled by the driver. The front should be white or amber and the rear red or amber.

**Tires:** At least 1/32" of tread.

**Horns:** Must be able to be heard at least 200 feet away but cannot be unreasonably loud.

**Windows and Windshields:** must be made of approved safety glass, replaced when damage to the glass hampers the driver's view, kept free of stickers or signs and hanging objects that obstruct the driver's view, be kept free of dirt and snow or any other substance that blocks the driver's visibility.

**Windshield Wipers:** required to keep the windshield clear of rain, snow, or other moisture.

**Mirrors:** must have a rearview mirror and two additional mirrors; one on each side of the vehicle.

**Mufflers:** to prevent loud noise

**Fenders and flaps:** to prevent mud, water and other material from being thrown from the wheels onto other vehicles.

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**Child Restraints:** Children under 6 must be properly protected in approved safety seats.

**Seat Belts and Shoulder Straps:** Idaho Law requires all occupants to wear safety belts and/or shoulder straps.

Additional information on child restraint guidelines can be found at: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/CPS>

<u>Licensed Organizations</u>		
Anchor House	Children's Village	Northwest Academy
A New Beginning	Daybreak Canyon	Northwest Children's Home
Bannock House	Elk Mountain Academy	Northwoods 1 & 2
Bingham County RTC	Gustafson House	Novitas Academy
Bannock Youth Foundation	Harmony House	PATH
Blue Fire Wilderness	Hays Shelter	Patriot Center
Boise Girls Academy	Hope House	Project Patch
Boulder Creek Academy	Idaho Youth Ranch	Safe House
Caribou Ridge Intervention	IYR Adoptions	Schrom Home for Boys
Casey Family Programs	Innercept 1 & 2	Sequel/TSI
CASI	InnerRoads	St. Dominic School
Center for Excellence	John T Raukar	Syringa House
Cherry Gulch	Kinderhaven	Teton Peaks
Christian Children's Ranch	LDS Family Services	Timberline Private Care
	MK Place	Treasure Valley Transition

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