



The Licensing Link

October — December 2018

Dakota County Social Services

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Check-Check, 1, 2, 1, 2

We are talking about doing recall checks for each of your cribs, of course! Some providers use the beginning or the end of the monthly crib check form to trigger a reminder that it is time for the annual recall check. Other providers do the annual recall on the same day every year, such as January 1, or the first day of summer. Whatever you do, the following is information to help make the recall check go smoothly.

Before heading to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) website, make sure you have the following information available for each crib in your program: Product Name, Product Model and/or the Manufacturer.*

Then go to: www.cpsc.gov.

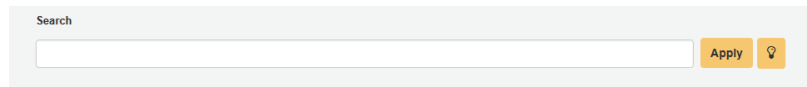
On the top right of the screen, click on the “Menu” option.



RECALLS

Choose the option “RECALLS” (in blue).

There will be an empty search bar where you can enter identifying information for the crib you are checking. It can be helpful to do more than one search, such as searching the product name and model, then doing a new search just for the manufacturer.



Results pop up in chronological order, with the most recent recall listed first.

Doing recall checks can feel a little strange because you are looking for your crib *not* to be on the list. If you prefer, you always have the option to call the CPSC recall hotline at 800-638-2772.



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There are various ways to perform crib recall checks! When in the search bar for the recalls, you can click on the light bulb to expand the types of search boxes. For example, you could expand your search to all crib recalls by selecting cribs under Product Types.

Last, but not least, please remember to document the date you complete the crib recall check – this is required for both rigid sided cribs and mesh sided cribs. There is a space to document the recall check on the back-side of the monthly crib check form.

However you choose to do the crib recall check, we are happy you do! Thank you for ensuring that the cribs in your program are safe for the children in your care.

For a complete list of available search parameters, visit: [CPSC Recalls Retrieval](#).



Develop Questions?! Here's who can help!

Karen Bradley is a Develop Ambassador and can help answer any questions you may have with Develop:

- applying for your Individual membership or organization profile
- navigating the search system
- registering for training
- emailing a training log to your licensor, and more

She will work with you to meet your big or small Develop-help needs. You can reach Karen by emailing, calling, or text: kbradley@360communities.org or 612-229-5017.

Cheryl Kottke is the Professional Development Advisor for Dakota County (through Think Small). She connects providers with training, education, and other resources. You can reach Cheryl at ckottke@thinksmall.org or 651-233-2260.

Congratulations to Stacy Fleming, Kellie Clegg, and Tammy Peterson for participating in completing the quarterly newsletter quiz from July, August, and September 2018, “The Licensing Link.”

The above names were drawn and received an ABC Toy donation of a Melissa and Doug item for free as the winners of our monthly drawing.

We would like to say a very special thank you to ABC Toy Zone for generously supplying these toys, as well as being a great resource for our Dakota County Family Childcare Providers.



Continue reading the Licensing Link for more chances to be a winner of the ABC Toy Zone donated gifts!

ABC & Toy Zone
820 W. 78th Street | Chanhassen, MN 55317 | 952-474-4366

Workshop for Mandated Reporters

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Rosemount Community Center
13885 South Robert Trail, Rosemount, MN 55068

Choose one of two free sessions:

Afternoon Session- 1:30-4pm

Evening Session- 6:30-9pm

A free training presented by the Dakota County Child Protection Team

What is a mandated reporter?

"Mandated reporters" are people whose positions require them to report suspected child abuse or neglect to social services or law enforcement. Childcare professionals, social workers, teachers, physicians, and a number of other professionals who work with children and families are mandated reporters under Minnesota law.

Do I have to go to this training? Is it required?

No. Dakota County offers this training periodically for people who are mandated reporters, but mandated reporters are not required to attend. Although not required, it is a good idea to attend the training to find out how to help children you are in contact with, as well as what is legally required of you.

Do I have to go to both sessions?

No. You should **NOT** go to both sessions. The sessions are identical. If you decide to attend, pick one session, either afternoon or evening.

What does the training cover?

- Legal requirements of a mandated reporter
 - Definition of neglect/abuse
 - Process of making a child protection report to intake screeners
 - Response of child protection assessment social worker to the reporter
 - Court process after a report is received
 - Questions
 - Prevention information will also be available
- 2.5 Contact hours will be given out.

Questions?
Contact
Warren Chaffee
at 952-891-7462

Please Register for This Free Event here:

[Click to Register Online](#)

To register by MAIL: Please type information in spaces provided or print legibly.
Entries that are illegible will not be registered for the workshop.

Name: _____ Session: Afternoon Evening
Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
E-Mail Address: _____ Profession/
Organization: _____

Print and send your registration by MAIL: Dakota County Social Services
14955 Galaxie Ave W
Apple Valley, MN 55124

**Register by
November 16th**

Due to the volume of attendees, no phone registrations will be accepted.

Upcoming Parent Aware Information Session

Curious about Parent Aware? Parent Aware staff are holding an upcoming information session in Dakota County. More information can also be found on the Parent Aware website:

<http://parentaware.org/programs/>



Dakota County – Information Session

Time

November 17, 2018
from 9:00am - 10:30am

Location

360 Communities

501 State Hwy 13

Suite 102

Burnsville, MN 55337

For more information or to RSVP, contact Mischelle Ulrich

Phone: 952.985.4045

Email: mulrich@360communities.org

DHS Provider Page

If you haven't checked it out already, please visit the DHS provider webpage at [Licensed Family Child Care](#). This would be a good page to save to your favorites!

DHS's provider page has lots of helpful information directly from the Department, such as: news and updates, forms, information on background studies, grant/scholarship information and new legislative changes. You can find most of the answers from this newsletter quiz on the webpage.

If you'd like to be entered into this month's drawing for a gift card to the Chanhassen/Rochester ABC Toy Zone, please email your worker with the phrase "Provider Page."



Dakota County Child Care Licensing Directory
Dakota County Social Services

<http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/healthfamily/childcare/providing>

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Name:

City:

October—December 2018 Newsletter Quiz

****Complete for 1 hour of training credit!****

1. What is the name and phone number of the Develop Ambassador? _____
2. T or F We do not need to do annual CPSC recall checks for pack and plays/mesh-sided cribs.
3. Where do you document that you completed the annual CPSC recall check? _____
4. Where are 3 places you can find grants for your child care program? _____, _____,

5. T or F DHS will cover the cost of enhanced background studies for existing providers and their staff/family who have a current background study on file.
6. Who at Think Small is the Professional Development Advisor for Dakota County? _____
7. What is the CPSC phone number? _____