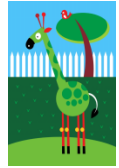


Traverse County Social Services Department



FENCE POLICY FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS



Effective: June 1, 2010

By: Traverse County Board of Commissioners on April 20, 2010

Minnesota Rule 9502.0425, Subp 2: Outdoor play space. There must be an outdoor play space of at least 50 square feet per child in attendance, adjacent to the residence, for regular use, or a park, playground, or play space within 1,500 feet of the residence. On-site supervision must be provided by a caregiver for children of less than school age when play space is not adjacent to the residence. Enclosure may be required by the agency to provide protection from rail, traffic, water, or machinery hazard. The area must be free of litter, rubbish, toxic materials, water hazards, machinery, unlocked vehicles, human or animal wastes, and sewage contaminants.

- ★ If any of the above dangers exist within 50 yards of the child care residence, you must have a fenced in play area for children.
- ★ If any of the above dangers exist within 100 yards of the child care residence, the agency will view the parcel and make a fair and safe decision. This is considered a gray area where common sense and safety are taken into consideration. A fence may or may not be required, however, strongly recommended.
- ★ If any of the above dangers are beyond 100 yards of the residence, a fence will most likely not be required, however, strongly recommended.

Supervision: A caregiver must be within sight or hearing of an infant, toddler, or preschooler at all times; a caregiver must be available for assistance and care so that the child's health and safety is protected for school age children. All children should be within the fenced area at all times. If a provider wishes to have school age children outside the fence, the provider will need to request, in writing, where these children would be and what safety precautions will be made. Our agency will review the request and respond to the provider within 10 days. No request will be approved, if the school age children will be near an above mentioned hazard.

High traffic areas, include, but are not limited to: **Wheaton:** 5th Street North/Hwy. 75, Front Street, Trail Street, Broadway Avenue, 12th Street North, 5th Avenue North, 2nd Avenue South, 16th Street North, 16th Street South, and some alley ways. **Browns Valley:** Hwy. 28/Broadway Avenue, 4th Street North, Dakota Avenue. **Dumont:** Wyatt Street/County Road 6, Main Street, Hwy. 75. **Tintah:** County Road 20/4th Street, Hwy. 9.

Each property and child care set up is unique. Traverse County Social Services Department has the discretion to make exceptions/additions to these guidelines. Failure to comply may result in a Correction Order, Conditional License, etc.

