

## **.20 POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS ITEMS**

**The provider shall properly store, and keep inaccessible to the children in care, all potentially harmful items, including but not limited to knives, sharp tools, firearms, non-prescription and prescription medicines, matches, alcoholic beverages, petroleum and flammable products, cleaning agents, and poisonous products.**

INTENT: You must protect children from accidental harm by keeping potentially dangerous items away from them.

INSPECTION REPORT ITEM: "Harmful items properly stored (alcohol, firearms, etc.)"

COMPLIANCE CRITERIA:

- All knives and sharp implements are out of the reach of children.
- All firearms, if present in your home, are unloaded and locked in a manner that makes them inaccessible to children and complies with applicable State or local law and ordinances. Ammunition is stored in a separate locked container and apart from firearms.
- Non-prescription and prescription medications and alcoholic beverages are stored out of the reach of children. It is recommended that medication be kept in a locked container.
- Matches, petroleum and flammable products, cleaning agents and poisonous products are stored away from food, in original labeled containers, and out of the reach of children. (Note: Questions related to the proper storage of potentially flammable products should be referred to the local fire authority.)

ASSESSMENT METHOD: Observation of where and how potentially hazardous items are stored.