

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 12: Foster Family Home Licensing Section 32: Physical Environment Requirements	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

Foster family homes (FFH) must meet basic safety and health rules to make sure children are well cared for.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) checks that FFHs meet legal standards, as required by law.

Resource parents must tell DCS or the Licensed Child Placing Agency (LCPA) about any changes that could affect the child's health, safety or well-being including, but not limited to:

1. A change in home or mailing address, or phone number;
2. The physical condition or the use of bedrooms as it relates to the child, or both;
3. Any new household member; and
4. Any business being run from the home.

Note: Businesses that could negatively affect children's safety are not allowed.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [465 IAC 2-1.5: Licensing of Foster Family Homes for Children](#)
- [465 IAC 2-1.5-8: Physical facilities of the foster family home; general](#)
- [465 IAC 2-1.5-9: Physical facilities of the foster family home; bedrooms and bathrooms](#)
- [465 IAC 2-1.5-10: Physical facilities of the foster family home; safety; general](#)
- [465 IAC 2-1.5-11: Physical facilities of the foster family home; safety; fire and safety hazards](#)
- [465 IAC 2-1.5-12: Physical facilities of the foster family home; safety; cleanliness and sanitation](#)