

**441—114.5(237) Safety.****114.5(1) General.**

- a.* Facilities shall take sufficient measures to ensure the safety of the children in care.
- b.* Stairways, halls and aisles shall be of substantial nonslippery material, shall be maintained in a good state of repair, shall be adequately lighted and shall be kept free from obstructions at all times. All stairways shall have handrails.
- c.* Radiators, registers, and steam and hot water pipes shall have protective covering or insulation. Electrical outlets and switches shall have wall plates.
- d.* Fuse boxes shall be inaccessible to children.
- e.* Facilities shall have written procedures for the handling and storage of hazardous materials.
- f.* Firearms and ammunition shall be kept under lock and key and inaccessible to children. When firearms are used, the facility shall have written policies regarding their purpose, use, and storage.
- g.* All swimming pools shall conform to state and local health and safety regulations. Adult supervision shall be provided at all times when children are using the pool.
- h.* The facility shall have policies regarding fishing ponds, lakes, or any bodies of water located on or near the institution grounds and accessible to the children.

**114.5(2) Emergency evacuation.** All living units utilized by children shall have a posted plan for evacuation in case of fire or disaster with practice drills held at least every six months.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 237.3.