

441—106.8 (237B) Safety.

106.8(1) A children's center shall maintain a staff-to-child ratio and follow safe practices that are based on the ages and needs of the children in care to ensure adequate supervision and child safety.

106.8(2) Poison control centers' telephone numbers shall be posted in prominent locations and readily available. All poisonous or caustic drugs or materials shall:

- a.* Be plainly labeled;
- b.* Be stored separately from other drugs in a specific, well-illuminated cabinet, closet, or storeroom;
- c.* Be stored in a manner that prevents accidental or intentional ingestion; and
- d.* Be accessible only to authorized persons.

106.8(3) A children's center shall have written policies regarding fishing ponds, lakes, or any bodies of water located on or near the center's grounds and accessible to children.

- a.* All swimming pools shall conform to state and local health and safety regulations.
- b.* Adult supervision shall be provided at all times when children are near or in the water.

106.8(4) A children's center shall have written policies regarding transportation of a child that ensure compliance with Iowa Code section 321.446 regarding child restraint devices.

- a.* Drivers of vehicles shall possess a valid driver's license.
- b.* Drivers shall not operate a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or prescription or nonprescription drugs that could impair their ability to operate a motor vehicle.
- c.* All vehicles used for children's center activities shall be maintained in safe operating condition.
- d.* A children's center shall have proof of current insurance that covers all vehicles and drivers used to transport children.

106.8(5) Animals kept on site shall:

- a.* Be in good health with no evidence of disease,
- b.* Be of such disposition as to not pose a safety threat to any person, and
- c.* Be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner.

106.8(6) Offensive or dangerous weapons and ammunition shall be kept under lock and key and inaccessible to children. When these weapons are used, a children's center shall have written policies regarding their purpose, use, and storage.