

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.

114.5(3) Fire inspection. Each facility shall procure an annual fire inspection approved by the state fire marshal and shall meet the recommendations thereof.

114.5(4) Local codes. Each facility shall meet local building, zoning, sanitation and fire safety ordinances. Where no local standards exist, state standards shall be met.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 237.3.