



**Community Care Licensing Division  
Quality Assurance, Advocacy and Technical Support Bureau**

**Foster Family Homes  
Most Common Deficiencies for All Visit Types in 2018**

This is an analysis of the most common deficiencies in 2018 for Foster Family Homes (FFH) for all visit types. The Quality Assurance Unit reviewed all 446 deficiencies cited. This list is limited to those deficiencies cited in two percent (2%) or more of the total number of deficiencies cited.

*Are you a Foster Family Agency licensee looking for assistance to come into compliance with these or other issues? Please contact the Technical Support Program at [TechnicalSupportProgram@dss.ca.gov](mailto:TechnicalSupportProgram@dss.ca.gov).*

**These requirements can be found in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, Division 6.**

<b>Most common deficiencies cited when citations were issued for substantiated FFH complaint allegations</b>	<b>Regulation Section Title</b>	<b>Regulation Section</b>	<b>This deficiency's percentage of the total deficiencies cited for substantiated complaint allegations</b>
Caregivers shall have current training in first aid and CPR.	Training Requirements	89405(b)	13%
The caregiver is required to complete training as specified in Health and Safety Code section 1529.2, subsection (b).	Training Requirements	89405(a)	10%
Caregivers shall complete training. Courses, seminars, conferences or training topics accepted include Child Development.	Training Requirements	89405(a)(1)(A)	5%

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The caregiver shall maintain copies of unexpired first aid and CPR certificates. These certificates shall be appropriate to the age and needs of a "child."	Training Requirements	89405(b)(2)	5%
In every situation where children share a bedroom, the Caregiver shall document that the bedroom sharing arrangement ensures the health and safety of each child and that the children are compatible. When considering compatibility, a Caregiver shall consult with children in their care, in an age and developmentally appropriate manner, regarding the child's sexual orientation and gender identity and what information the child wishes to disclose and to whom. A Caregiver shall not disclose information about the child's sexual orientation and/or gender identity against the child's wishes, unless compelled to do so by law or court order. This documentation shall be maintained in the child's record.	Buildings and Grounds	89387(b)	4%
Medicines, disinfectants, cleaning solutions, poisons, firearms and other dangerous items shall be stored where inaccessible to children.	Storage Space	89387.2(a)	3%
Caregivers shall provide care and supervision as necessary to meet each child's needs, and shall be available at all times unless documented in the child's Needs and Services Plan, placement agreement, or Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP) or agreed to in advance by the licensing agency.	Responsibility for Providing Care and Supervision	89378(a)	3%

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At placement of each child, caregivers shall request from the placement worker, the Child's Health and Education Passport and Needs and Services Plan.	Admission Procedures	89468(a)	3%
Hot water delivered to fixtures used by clients shall attain a hot water temperature of not less than 105 degrees F (40.5 degrees C) and not more than 120 degrees F (48.8 degrees C).	Fixtures, Furniture Equipment and Supplies	80088(e)(1)	2%
The home shall be clean, safe, and sanitary and in good repair at all times for the safety and well-being of the children.	Buildings and Grounds	89387(c) 80087(a)	2%
Personal rights include the right to be free from corporal or unusual punishment, infliction of pain, humiliation, intimidation, ridicule, coercion, threat, physical, sexual, emotional, mental, or other abuse, or other actions of a punitive nature including but not limited to interference with the daily living functions of eating, sleeping, or toileting, or withholding of shelter, clothing, or aids to physical functioning.	Personal Rights	89372(a)(1)	2%
Caregivers shall complete training. Courses, seminars, conferences or training topics accepted include: Licensing and placement regulations.	Training Requirements	89405(a)(1)(I)	2%
The licensing department shall conduct criminal record reviews of any person, other than a client, residing in the facility and shall have the authority to approve or deny a foster family home license, or employment, residence, or presence in the home, based upon the results of such review.	Criminal Record Review	89219(a)	2%

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Caregivers shall not operate homes beyond the conditions and limitations specified on licenses, including capacity limitations.	Limitations on Capacity and Ambulatory Status	89410(a)	2%
Children of the opposite sex shall not share a bedroom unless each child is under five years of age.	Buildings and Grounds	89387(a)(2)	2%
The licensing agency shall assess civil penalties for required persons not obtaining fingerprint clearances, as required by licensure.	Civil Penalties	89254(a)(2)	2%