

**FOSTER HOME LICENSING  
WATER HAZARD SAFETY ASSESSMENT FORM  
NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Instructions:** The supervising agency shall assess the (prospective) foster family's home, property and surrounding property for the existence of water hazards. The results of the assessment and the information gathered based upon the child's age and developmental level, will be used to determine the family's ability to keep children safe from water hazards. The Supervising Agency shall take photographs of the body of water or pool from four different vantage points. The Supervising Agency shall attach the four photographs to the current action.

Supervising Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Licensing Social Worker Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Assessment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Foster Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of foster home: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. SWIMMING POOLS**

Does the family have a swimming pool on their property or on the property on which they live (i.e. apartment or condominium complex)?  **yes**  **no**; If yes, answer the following questions; If no, skip to Section II.

- Is the pool above ground?  **yes**  **no**; If you answer yes, does the ladder lock into place or can it be removed so it is inaccessible?  **yes**  **no**; **If the answer to this question is no, STOP. The home cannot be licensed until the family complies with this rule.**
- Is the pool inground?  **yes**  **no**; If you answer yes, is the pool enclosed by a fence that is at least 48" high with a gate that locks or does the family have a fence with a locked gate around the yard?  **yes**  **no**; **If the answer to this question is no, STOP. The home cannot be licensed until the family complies with this rule.**

**II. OTHER WATER HAZARDS**

1. Is there a water hazard such as a pond, lake, river or beach on the property of the home of the family that can be seen from the foster home at any time of year?  **yes**  **no**; If you answered yes, please describe the potential hazard.

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2. If you answer yes to question 1, does the family have a fence with a locked gate that provides for a safe play space for children?  **yes**  **no**; **If the answer to this question is no, STOP. The home cannot be licensed until the family complies with this rule.**

3. Is there a water hazard such as a pond, lake, river or beach that is not on the family's property but may pose a risk?  **yes**  **no**; if yes, describe the potential water hazard. Please provide information that describes the proximity of the potential hazard to the home.

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**WATER SAFETY PLAN**

Instructions: If any water safety hazard was identified during the Water Hazard Safety Assessment, this section must be thoughtfully completed by the (prospective) foster family / kinship provider.

For (prospective) foster families, this section must be completed in full regardless of the preferred age of the child the family wishes to foster.

**Regarding potential water hazards, what is the family’s plan to maintain adequate supervision to ensure the safety of a child in your care according to the following age/developmental age groups?**

Age Group	Plan for Supervision and Water Safety
0 – 3 years	
4 – 7 years	
8 – 11 years	
12 – 15 years	
16 years and older	

<b>Applicant’s printed name and signature:</b>	
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<b>Applicant’s Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Applicant’s E-mail Address</b>	

<b>Social Worker’s printed name and signature:</b>	
<b>Social Worker’s Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Social Worker’s E-mail Address</b>	