

Date Issued	April 23, 2025	Status	Closed
Provider Name	St Thomas More Preschool & After School Program		
Provider ID	011515539		
Provider Address	1700 8th St, Brookings, SD 57006, USA		
Provider Contact	Marissa Kessler		

The items listed below are those that the provider was not in compliance with at the time of the inspection.

### Compliance Plan Action #1

**Administrative Rule:**

67:42:17:39

For family day care providers, unused electrical outlets must have an outlet plug cover, have a tamper-resistant cover, or be made inaccessible to a child. For center and school-age programs, unused electrical outlets must have a self-closing outlet cover or tamper-resistant cover.

**Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:**

At time of inspection, not all electrical outlets had tamper-resistant covers.

**Corrections to be Made:**

For center and school-age programs, unused electrical outlets must have a self-closing outlet cover or tamper-resistant cover.

**Corrections Made:**

Verification received that all outlets have a tamper-resistant cover.

**Anticipated Completion Date:**

April 29, 2025

**Date Completed:**

April 23, 2025

### Compliance Plan Action #2

**Administrative Rule:**

67:42:17:38

The following must be inaccessible to a child:

- (1) Firearms;
- (2) Pellet guns, BB guns, and cap guns;
- (3) Matches and lighters;
- (4) Tobacco products;
- (5) Choking and strangulation hazards;
- (6) Items capable of being pulled or tipped onto a child;
- (7) A platform measuring more than thirty inches above ground level, unless surrounded by a railing that is at least thirty-six inches tall with no more than five inches between openings; and
- (8) Other hazardous condition as identified by the department.

The department may direct a provider to remove or correct a hazardous condition or circumstance not covered in this

chapter, if the department considers the conditions or circumstances to have the potential to cause injury or illness to the children in care.

**Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:**

At time of inspection, cords to blinds and decorative string of lights were accessible to children which could cause injury to a child.

**Corrections to be Made:**

The following must be inaccessible to a child: (1) Firearms; (2) Pellet guns, BB guns, and cap guns; (3) Matches and lighters; (4) Tobacco products; (5) Choking and strangulation hazards; (6) Items capable of being pulled or tipped onto a child; (7) A platform measuring more than thirty inches above ground level, unless surrounded by a railing that is at least thirty-six inches tall with no more than five inches between openings; and (8) Other hazardous condition as identified by the department. The department may direct a provider to remove or correct a hazardous condition or circumstance not covered in this chapter, if the department considers the conditions or circumstances to have the potential to cause injury or illness to the children in care.

**Corrections Made:**

Verification received that blind cords and decorative lights have been removed to longer be accessible to children.

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April 23, 2025

**Compliance Plan Action #3**

**Administrative Rule:**

67:42:17:37

Center and school-age programs operating outside of a school building shall follow applicable construction and fire safety requirements, as outlined in chapters 61:15:05 and 61:15:06. School-age programs operating in a school building shall follow applicable construction and fire safety requirements, as outlined in chapters 61:15:01, 61:15:02, and 61:15:07.

A family day care home must have the following fire safety measures in place:

- (1) A working smoke detector must be located on each level of the home;
- (2) A fully charged, portable fire extinguisher, with a minimum 2A rating, as identified on the extinguisher label, must be kept in or within fifteen feet of the kitchen or food preparation area;
- (3) A carbon monoxide detector must be installed, according to the manufacturer's instructions, if a fuel burning appliance is present in the home;
- (4) Each level of the home must have at least two remote exits that shall remain clear of obstructions. One of these exits must be a standard-sized door, and the other may be either a standard-sized door or an unobstructed, operable window, having at least five square feet of openable space, with a minimum width of twenty inches and a minimum height of twenty-four inches; and
- (5) Whenever a portable space heater, a wood burning stove, or a fireplace is in use, the heater, stove, or fireplace must be inaccessible to children.

**Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:**

At time of inspection, a power strip was plugged into an extension cord but should be plugged in directly to the wall.

**Corrections to be Made:**

Center and school-age programs operating outside of a school building shall follow applicable construction and fire safety requirements, as outlined in chapters 61:15:05 and 61:15:06.

**Corrections Made:**

Verification received that power strip has been moved and plugged directly into the wall.

**Anticipated Completion Date:**  
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April 23, 2025

**Your signature below certifies you have read and understand the non-compliance findings and agree to make corrections to be compliant with the identified administrative rules.**

Marissa Kessler - St. Thomas More Catholic School  
Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact

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Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

April 23, 2025  
Date

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**The Department of Social Services, Office of Licensing and Accreditation has reviewed and accepted the above plan.**

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April 28, 2025  
Date