

Date Issued	January 07, 2026	Status	Closed
Provider Name	LITTLE TIKES DAYCARE		
Provider ID	014512098		
Provider Address	512 Main St, Alexandria, SD 57311, USA		
Provider Contact	Tori Tegethoff		

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:**

67:42:17:37

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:**

It could not be determined if the fire alarm system was functional at the time of inspection. Verification of an inspection of the fire alarm system completed within the past year was not available.

**Corrections to be Made:**

Verification is needed that the fire alarm system is functional. Verification of an inspection of the system completed within the past year is needed.

**Corrections Made:**

Verification was received that the fire alarm system is functional and that an inspection of the system was completed.

**Anticipated Completion Date:**  
January 19, 2026

**Date Completed:**  
January 13, 2026

## Compliance Plan Action #2

### **Administrative Rule:**

67:42:17:32

All walls, ceilings, floors, and equipment must be easily cleanable, kept clean, and in good repair. Heating and cooling systems must maintain a temperature between sixty-five degrees Fahrenheit and seventy-five degrees Fahrenheit. For a child care center and school-age program, all heating and cooling systems must be inspected annually, by a certified technician.

Food preparation areas, including tables and countertops, must be made of a smooth, nonporous material, kept clean and sanitized, be free of cracks, and be in good repair. Center and school-age programs, in which more than twenty children are cared for, must provide a ventilation hood over all cooking areas. The hood must be appropriate for the type of appliance and intended use, as required in § 61:15:01:01.

### **Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:**

Verification of heating and cooling inspections completed within the past year was not available.

### **Corrections to be Made:**

Verification of the inspections is needed.

### **Corrections Made:**

Verification of completed inspections was received.

**Anticipated Completion Date:**  
January 19, 2026

**Date Completed:**  
January 11, 2026

## Compliance Plan Action #3

### **Administrative Rule:**

67:42:17:26

A nap mat, blanket, or other sleep surface, other than the floor, for children over one year of age must be available for each child during nap time.

A sleep surface must be maintained in good repair.

A provider shall follow the safe sleep practices contained in **Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards, 4th Edition**, for infants under the age of one.

### **Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:**

During the inspection, an infant was found asleep in a swing and another infant was found asleep with a blanket (in an appropriate sleep environment).

### **Corrections to be Made:**

Infants must sleep on a firm, flat and non-inclined sleep surface; loose blankets are not allowed in infant sleep environments.

**Corrections Made:**

Both issues were corrected immediately when a provider was notified of the noncompliance issues. The program reviewed safe sleep requirements with all providers and hung safe sleep flyers in the facility.

**Anticipated Completion Date:**  
January 07, 2026

**Date Completed:**  
January 05, 2026

**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.**

Paige Gau, Little Tikes Board Member  
Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

January 07, 2026  
Date

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

Deb Bigge  
Printed Name of DSS Staff



Signature of DSS Staff:

January 07, 2026  
Date

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