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## NOTICE TO CHILD CARE FACILITIES

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The Child Care Act of 1969 was amended to include Public Act 103-044, that went into effect on January 1, 2024 and states:

*Subject to availability of appropriations, the Department of Children and Family Services, in accordance with the requirements of Section 5.2(b) of the Child Care Act of 1969, shall establish and maintain a database on the safety of consumer products and other products or substances regulated by the Department that is: (i) publicly available; (ii) searchable; and (iii) accessible through the Internet website of the Department. [225 ILCS 10/5.2(b)]*

Public Act 103-044 also removes from the Child Care Act of 1969 effective January 1, 2024:

- The requirement to maintain data on child care facilities without Internet access; and
- The requirement to ensure that child care facilities without Internet access register for available mailing lists of pertinent recalls distributed in paper form.

In addition, effective January 1, 2024, Public Act 103-044 amends the definition of “children’s product” in the Children’s Product Safety Act to include:

*...(i) the product is designed or intended for the care of, or use by, any child under age 12...[430 ILCS 125/10]*

The Child Care Act of 1969 requires licensing staff to notify child care facilities on an on-going basis, including initial visits, renewal visits, and annual monitoring visits, of the following:

- The comprehensive list of unsafe children’s products provided by the IL Department of Public Health through their website and linked on the DCFS website, that will enable each child care facility to effectively search for and inspect children’s products related to children under the age of 12.
- Child care facilities must maintain all written information regarding any unsafe children’s products identified in a file. The file is to be accessible to both facility staff and parents.
- Child care facilities must post in a prominent location regularly visited by parents written notification of the existence of the comprehensive list of unsafe children’s products available on the internet.

## REVISED FORMS

**CFS 583-A, Certification of Inspection for Unsafe Children’s Products (Facilities) (Rev 8/2024)**

**CFS 583-B, Certification of Inspection for Unsafe Children’s Products (Homes) (Rev 8/2024)**