

Safety Agreement

Firearms

Safety is our first priority in STRONG Families. Many children you will host have either not been around firearms and learned firearm safety, or they have had negative, even traumatic, experiences with weapons. To prevent any accidental injuries or deaths, we ask that all firearms be stored with the utmost safety measures in place at all times. Firearms should never be accessible to children nor should a child ever be left unsupervised with a weapon, regardless of its operability. If you are cleaning firearms, returning them to their locked storage, etc. there should be no child present and an adult familiar with the weapons should always be present with the weapon.

No firearms possessed in violation of an Arizona or Federal law or local government ordinance shall be present in the home at any time.

Firearms should be kept unloaded and in locked storage when hosting children.

Ammunition must be in locked storage separate from the firearms.

Location of firearms and ammunition: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Additional safety measures taken (e.g. trigger locks): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Water Safety

Drowning is the most common cause of unintentional injury-related deaths for young children in Arizona. The primary prevention strategies are **Adult supervision**, **Barriers**, and **Classes**. To keep children as safe as possible around water, STRONG Families requires Host Families to:

Have a fence and appropriate window and gate locks according to ARS 36-1681 in order to host children under the age of 6 years old.

Keep the fence in good condition and all gates closed & locked at all times. Ladders for above ground pools should be stored or locked when adult supervision is not available.

Always have an adult supervising a child that is in a pool or spa area, including public pools, neighbors' or friends' pools, your own pool, etc.

Consider other bodies of water that are 18"+ deep and provide protective barriers and supervision.

Home or yard includes the following (check all that apply):

Swimming Pool Pond Hot Tub Other (Specify: _____)

Safe Sleeping

In 2018, unsafe sleep environments contributed to 24% of preventable deaths among children.

The safest way for a child under 1 year old to sleep is **on their back**, on a firm sleep surface, with no pillows, blankets, loose bedding, bumpers, toys, etc.

Babies should never be laid on a couch, nor left in a car seat or swing to sleep.

Children should never co-sleep with adults. Children should not co-sleep with unrelated children. A hosting will only be approved if the appropriate number and type of beds are available to allow each child their own bed/crib. STRONG Families recognizes that some siblings will choose to co-sleep and forcing them to sleep separately may cause unnecessary grief or trauma. However, it is recommended that they be encouraged to sleep in their own designated beds whenever possible. Children under 1 year old should only sleep in an appropriate infant crib or pack and play and always alone.

Children should sleep in age-appropriate beds such as a toddler bed once they can climb out of a crib, or a bed no higher than 4 feet off the ground (including a top bunk) when under 6 years old.

The Host Family agrees to abide by all of the above requirements and recommendations to provide the safest environment for children. The Host Family agrees to notify STRONG Families should there be any changes in their home including a new pool or body of water, new firearms or changes to the storage of firearms, changes to the safety barriers of a body of water, or changes to available beds for children. Failure to abide by these requirements and recommendations, or the injury of a child during a hosting as a result of a body of water, firearm, or unsafe sleep practices may result in STRONG Families temporarily or permanently suspending a Host Family's certification.

Host Parent A

Date

Host Parent B

Date