



Helpful Questions



These questions provide one example of how to talk about child safety with potential childcare providers. While there is not one “right way” to do this, we encourage including questions around the following topics.

We would love to hear some of your thoughts on teaching body safety, such a topics like personal space and being able to say no.

Would you be willing to provide references from your previous childcare roles?

Would you be able to provide an email so that we can send a link for you to complete a background check? It will quick and I will cover the cost!

Have you recieved any training in child sexual abuse prevention?





Showing Persistence

In your conversations surrounding child safety you may encounter resistance, especially from individuals who are not educated about child sexual abuse prevention. Here are some examples of ways to firmly advocate for your child's safety while staying respectful and helping the provider learn as well

Yeah, I can explain what I mean by body safety. It's all about helping kids feel safe and confident setting boundaries. We teach our kids that they can always say no to any kind of physical contact. Even just a hug.

I hear your concerns about background checks. I want to be clear that it's not because I suspect anything negative. It's about consistent safety practices. If you were working at a school or daycare, a background check would be standard. Since you're caring for my child, I want to use the same safety standard.

I get it can be tricky to get ahold of people at times. Even so, it's really important to me to have an outside perspective on your experience. If you have their contact information, I'm happy to reach out myself.

Prevention actually goes beyond doing the right thing yourself. It's about empowering kids and keeping them safe. Would you be willing to learn more about sexual abuse prevention if we provided some resources?

