Hazardous Item Storage in Child Care Centers

Products that shall be kept behind lock and key:
(Lock and Key: Areas or devices unlocked with a combination, electronic, magnetic, or tool key)

- Corrosive agents
- Pesticides
- Bleaches
- Detergents
- Cleansers
- Polishes
- Products in pressurized containers (including sunscreens, lotions, bug spray, cooking spray, whipping cream, shaving cream, etc.)
- Medications (does not include approved emergency medications)
- Household Paints
- Tooth Paste
- Any substance which may be hazardous to a child if ingested, inhaled, or handled (including office supplies such as White-Out, chemicals, inks, glues, etc.).
- Propane tanks for grills and gas cans for lawn equipment
- Fuel
- Products that state “Keep Out of Reach of Children” and have any additional warnings (ex. May cause skin irritation, contact a doctor if swallowed, etc.)

Products in non-pressurized containers that must be stored at or above 5ft (or behind lock and key):

- Lotion
- Hand Sanitizer
- Sanitizer Solution
- Disinfectant Solution
- Soapy water solution
- Sunscreen
- Approved emergency medications
- Non-prescription diaper creams and Non-prescription diaper ointments
- Keys or other unlocking devices for locked childcare storage
- Bulk Soap

Items that can be stored out of reach or behind a “child safety lock”:

- Purses that do not contain any hazardous products
- Soiled Clothing
- Soiled Linen

Equipment that must be out of reach of the children:

- Bottle warming devices
- Food preparation and contact surfaces located in carerooms

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