

NOTICE

RE: OUTDOOR PLAYGROUNDS

Nebraska Administrative Code Requires:

391 NAC 3-007.03B Outdoor Play Area:

When the outdoor play area **does not directly join the indoor facility**, a Department-approved plan that addresses the following must be on file with the Department:

1. Distance to the play area;
2. Safety and supervision procedures;
3. Type of transportation, if any, needed to get to the outdoor play area;
4. Numbers and ages of children going to the play area; and
5. Frequency of outdoor play available to children in care.

If the outdoor play area you are proposing does not directly join the facility, it is in your best interest to have your plans for a detached playground reviewed in advance of investing in the purchase or rental of a facility that does not meet the requirements for licensure. Call the staff listed below for guidance as to the limitations regarding detached playgrounds.

Be aware that prior Department approval of a written route and plan will determine whether or not the address you request to be licensed will meet the requirements of 391 NAC 3-007.03B, and if a Child Care Center license can be issued considering the location of the playground.

The Department **will not approve** compliance of 391 NAC 3-007.03B if the route and plan requires children to cross:

- a street,
- parking lot,
- alley/annex road that cannot be blocked in a manner which provides for safe passage of children walking to the outdoor play area.

Cass/Douglas/Sarpy/Washington Counties contact Gina Ewing at 402-595-3348, Omaha, NE.

All Other Counties contact Cindy Strufing at 402-471-9562, Lincoln, NE.

DEPARTMENT STAFF GUIDE TO OUTDOOR PLAYGROUNDS

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