**Section 333. APPENDIX A Minimum Requirements of Adoptive Homes**

a) An adoptive home located in Illinois shall be clean, well ventilated, free from observable hazards, properly lighted and heated, and free of fire hazards.

b) The water supply of the adoptive family home shall comply with the requirements of the local health department and the Illinois Department of Public Health. If the adoptive family home accepts children under age 10 or who are developmentally disabled, the maximum hot water temperature from all showers and bathtubs shall be no more than 115° Fahrenheit. If well water is used, a copy of the Inspection Report and Compliance with Regulations shall be on file with the supervising agency.

c) Water Hazards Protection

1) All in-ground swimming pools located in areas accessible to children shall be fenced. The fence shall be at least 5 feet in height and secured by a locked gate.

2) All above-ground pools shall have non-climbable sidewalls that are at least 4 feet high or shall be enclosed with a 5-foot fence that is at least 36 inches away from the pool's side wall and secured with a locked gate. When the pool is not in use, the pool's steps shall be removed or the pool shall be otherwise protected to insure the pool cannot be accessed.

3) Any hot tub not enclosed with a 5-foot fence shall have a securely locked cover.

4) Any portable wading pool not enclosed with a 5-foot fence shall be emptied daily.

5) Adoptive parents residing in homes with pools, hot tubs, ponds, outdoor fountains, decorative water ponds, fishponds, or the like must have current CPR certification.

d) Portable space heaters may be used as a supplementary source of heat if they have an Underwriters Laboratories sticker attached and are used in accordance with local and State building and fire codes. Portable space heaters may not be used in rooms where children are sleeping. Portable and fixed space heaters in areas occupied by children shall be separated by fire resistant partitions or barriers to prevent contact with the heater.

e) Dangerous household supplies and dangerous tools shall be kept in a safe place inaccessible to children under 12 years of age. These items shall remain inaccessible to children during disposal.

f) When not being dispensed or immediately accessible due to medical necessity, prescription and nonprescription drugs shall be kept in places that are not readily accessible to children under 12 years of age. Expired or unused medications, syringes, medical waste or medication shall remain inaccessible to children during disposal.

g) Any and all firearms and ammunition shall be locked up at all times and kept in places inaccessible to children. No firearms possessed in violation of a State or federal law or a local government ordinance shall be present in the home at any time. Loaded guns shall not be kept in an adoptive home unless required by law enforcement officers and in accordance with their law enforcement agency's safety procedures.

h) The adoptive home shall comply with all requirements of the State laws and municipal codes for household pets. Certificates of inoculation for rabies shall be available for inspection.

i) The adoptive home shall have an operating telephone on the premises unless the supervising agency has approved a written plan detailing immediate and unrestricted access to a telephone.

j) The adoptive home shall be equipped with a minimum of one approved smoke detector in operating condition on every floor level, including basements and occupied attics, in accordance with Section 3 of the Smoke Detector Act [425 ILCS 60].

k) An adoptive home that is not exempted by Section 20 of the Carbon Monoxide Alarm Detector Act [430 ILCS 135] shall be equipped with a minimum of one approved carbon monoxide detector within 15 feet of every sleeping room, in accordance with Section 10 of that Act.

l) Adequate closet and dresser space comparable to that provided to the other children of the household shall be provided for each adoptive child to accommodate personal belongings.