



1-800-HomeStudy.com's checklist outlines many of the common items required for your adoption home study, but this list should be used as an example of what a home study provider may require. Your home study social worker will be able to provide you with a specific list of items you will need for your home study to comply with state regulations and child-placing agency standards.

Do not attempt to acquire these items or register for parenting-related classes after reading this checklist. Your home study provider and child-placing agency will have specific instructions for you to complete to prepare your home. Please speak with your home study social worker or call 1-800-HomeStudy if you have questions and concerns.



## Home Study Document Checklist Copies of:

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- Autobiographical statement
- Driver's license(s)
- Birth certificates(s) of everyone residing in your home
- Marriage certificate if applicable
- Divorce decree(s) if applicable
- Verification of employment (most recent pay stub or letter from your employer) or non-working spouse statement
- Passport(s) if adopting internationally
- Green card(s)
- Military discharge(s) if applicable
- Latest income tax return
- Reference letters
- Medical report/physician statement(s)
- Proof of insurance: home, health, life, auto
- Financial information
- Disciplinary statement
- Pet vaccination records
- Adoption Decree(s) if applicable

## Clearances

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- Criminal background check
  - If you have a criminal background, such as a DUI, you may need to provide documentation about the arrest, penalties paid, probation completed and treatment classes.
- Child abuse and neglect clearances for every state/country you have lived in for at least the past 5 years
  - If you are completing an international home study, you will need a child abuse and neglect clearance for every state/country you have lived in since age 18.
- FBI clearance
- Sex offender clearance
- Other state specific checks



## Household Items and Considerations that may be required by your state or placing agency/agent:

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- Working smoke detectors (on every floor and near or in child's room)
- Medications, vitamins, cleaning products, and other potentially toxic substances in a locked container or on a shelf above the reach of children
- First-aid kit
- Screen covering a fireplace or wood stove
- Kitchen trash can covered
- Firearms in locked container with ammunition stored in a separate locked container
- Fire extinguisher
- Carbon monoxide detector in the home
- Covered outlets
- Gates for stairs
- All windows should have secure screens and locks
- Emergency telephone numbers are posted
- Fire extinguisher in or near the cooking area of the home
- Household heating equipment has appropriate safeguards in place
- Fencing around swimming pool/standing pools of water
- Hot tub has a locked top
- Evacuation floor plans

## Courses that may be required prior to the completion of your home study:

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- Foster care licensing program
- CPR training
- First-aid training
- Parenting class

\*This list should be used as an example of common items and regulations that many states and agencies require for an approved home study.