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|  | **Tennessee Department of Human Services**  **Personal Safety Curriculum Notification** |

Since 1985, Tennessee law has required that children in child care agencies receive annual instruction in personal safety, including child sexual abuse prevention. Public Chapter 1032 passed by the General Assembly in 2008 requires that child care agencies have a personal safety curriculum, including a child sexual abuse component, for children enrolled in the agency, and that parents/legal guardians be informed about the curriculum, methods and terminology that will be used in teaching children about personal safety. TDHS was directed to provide guidelines for this curriculum, but individual child care agencies may choose a curriculum that accomplishes the same goal, and may use different terminology in the curriculum. The child care agency is required to allow parents/legal guardians to review and ask questions about the curriculum, and to meet with representatives of the child care agency if they have questions. Together, staff and parents decide what terminology to use when referring to the genitals, either the correct anatomical terms or the general term “private body parts” as specified below in box #2.

In addition, the child care agency must obtain from parents/legal guardians a form acknowledging that they have been notified of the child sexual abuse/personal safety curriculum being used by the child care agency in which the child is enrolled. A copy of the form is required to be maintained in the child’s record.

**Child care agencies, please provide an answer for the questions that follow.**

1. Identify the personal safety curriculum used by your agency:

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| Method of Instruction: |

1. For all personal safety curriculum, please provide the sample anatomical terminology to be used:

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| Sample Terminology: |

The instructional materials used in the agency personal safety curriculum are available for review by the parents or legal guardians.

I/We acknowledge that we have been provided an opportunity to review the agency’s personal safety curriculum, and have been notified of the sexual abuse/personal safety curriculum for our child/children.

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Signature of Agency Representative Date

The bottom portion of this form lists the web address where you can find this sample curriculum, provided by TDHS. Please take the bottom portion with you so that you can review the curriculum at your leisure.

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