



Department of Early Education and Care

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Family Child Care Licensing

POLICY STATEMENT: Busy Street Policy

7.07(7)(d) The outdoor play area must be free from hazards including but not limited to: a busy street, a parking lot, poisonous plants, water hazards, debris, broken glass, chipping, peeling or flaking paint, dangerous machinery or tools, and weather-related and environmental hazards or small objects that could present a choking hazard to young children.

EEC's Licensing Regulations for Family Child Care provide that outdoor play space must be free of hazards, including access to a busy street. A busy street is defined as:

- Any street with more than two lanes;
- Any street where more than 15 cars pass in a 10 minute period;
- Any street on which the posted speed limit is greater than 30 m.p.h.;
- Any street commonly used as a "cut through" or an alternative to a main commuter route during peak commuting hours;
- Any street in or near a heavily commercial area;
- Any street defined by the provider as a busy street.

If any of these circumstances apply to a street abutting the Educator's play space, the street must be made inaccessible to children.