

Reasons Why Parents May Not Chose a Day Care Home:

1. Home smells of cigarette smoke
2. Provider cares for too many children
3. Provider does not present him/herself in a professional manner (use poor grammar, yells at children)
4. Pets are not properly restrained and/or controlled.
5. Provider has unfriendly telephone manner
6. Provider continues phone conversation while children cry in background
7. Provider tells children to "shut up" or uses other inappropriate language
8. House or yard are poorly maintained or cluttered
9. Broken toys or other items are left laying around that could be dangerous to children
10. Provider lives on or near a busy street and does not have a fenced yard
11. Parent calls several times and is not able to get an answer
12. Provider is not willing to be reasonably flexible
13. Personal cleanliness of provider and children in care does not meet standards of parent
14. Provider does not acknowledge children during the interview
15. Provider seems more interested in the money rather than the children/rates are too high
16. Children are required to stay in one small area of the home
17. Children are not allowed on furniture
18. Toys are not visible during interview
19. Children are not offered a wide variety of activities/toys
20. Provider has too many rules for young children
21. The inside of home is dark and dreary
22. Policy/contract is not professionally written (grammar or spelling errors) and does not address necessary components
23. Provider does not have adequate sleeping equipment appropriate for child's age
24. Parent are not allowed or discouraged to arrive unannounced during day care hours
25. Children are left unattended outside