Pediatric Safe Area Checklist

YES	NO	ITEM
		Needle boxes are at least 48 inches off the floor?
		Do the windows open?
		Are the windows locked?
		Do you have window guards?
		Plug-in covers or safety wiring for electrical outlets?
		Strangulation hazards removed (cords, wires, tubing, curtain/blinds drawstrings)?
		Can you contain children in this area (consider stairwells, elevators, doors)?
		Do you have distractions for the children (age and gender appropriate videos, games, toys)?
		Poison-proof the area (cleaning supplies, Hemoccult developer, choking hazards, cords should be removed or locked)
		Are your med carts and supply carts locked?
		Do you need to create separate areas for various age groups?
		Have you conducted drills of the plans for this area with all relevant departments?
		Do you have a plan for security for the unit?
		Do you have a plan to identify the children?
		Do you have a plan for assessing mental health needs of these children?
		Are there any fans or heaters in use? Are they safe?
		Do you have an onsite or nearby daycare? Could they help you?
		Do you have enough staff to supervise the number of children (Younger children will require more staff)?
		Do you have a sign-in, sign-out sheet for all children and adults who enter the area?
		Will children need to be escorted away from safe areas to bathrooms?
		Are age-appropriate meals and snacks available for children?
		Are various-sized diapers available?
		Does the PSA have hand hygiene supplies?
		Are there cribs, cots or beds available for children who need to sleep?
		Does the PSA have a policy/protocol for handling minor illness in children (Tylenol dosing, administering routine meds, etc.)
		Do you have an evacuation plan?