

**10A NCAC 09 .1709      INSPECTIONS**

(a) To ensure compliance with G.S. 110, Article 7 and this Chapter, inspections shall be conducted as follows:

- (1) The Division shall conduct at least one announced visit prior to the initial issuance of license.
- (2) The Division shall make at least one unannounced visit annually to ensure compliance with the licensure statutes and rules.
- (3) The Division shall make at least one unannounced visit when the Division receives a complaint alleging a violation of licensure statutes or rules, or if the Division has cause to believe an emergency exists at the facility.

(b) After initial issuance of the license the Division shall inspect additional caregiving space specified in Rule .1708 of this Section. The Division may only inspect the entire premises of the family child care home as follows:

- (1) Prior to issuance of the initial license;
- (2) If the Division has cause to believe an emergency exists at the facility in accordance with G.S. 110-105(a);
- (3) During an unannounced visit when the Division receives a complaint alleging a violation of licensure statute or rules in accordance with G.S. 110-105(a);
- (4) During an unannounced visit when the Division receives a complaint alleging possible child maltreatment in accordance with G.S. 110-105(a);
- (5) When there is evidence that children are being cared for in an undesignated space in accordance with G.S. 110-105(a1); or
- (6) When the Division has cause to believe conditions in undesignated spaces pose a risk to the health, safety, or well-being of children in care in accordance with G.S. 110-105(a1) such as hear a child cry in an undesignated space or observing a child going into an undesignated space.

*History Note:*      *Authority G.S. 110-85; 110-105; 143B-168.3*  
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