

a brown spot on it. Andrea L talked about how the child was responsive (including walking and talking) and capable of telling staff what had happened.

Ms. McImroy reported the child's parents were called immediately. Ms. McImroy stated the child's mother refused to have an ambulance called stating she would come to the center herself and assess the situation. Ms. McImroy reported that staff and another child's parent (who happens to be an emergency room nurse) stayed with the child until the child's mother arrived on-site. Ms. McImroy reported the child's mother then took her child to the emergency room where some additional testing and observations was done. Ms. McImroy reported the child was determined to be "fine". She also talked about how the child continues to attend the center for child care.

It is important to note, I received email correspondence from on-site supervisor Rachel Beadle on 10/3/2013 informing me of the situation and the center's immediate response. Ms. Beadle indicated an electrician was contacted and came to the center after the incident. Ms. Beadle reported the electrician reported to her that "there was no way for a child to be shocked and that the current stopped at the key and that the brown on her nail was from the copper vapors from the heat of the electricity...". Ms. Beadle talked about how the electrician "...secured the exposed areas behind the safety cover with electrical tape...". She also indicated the electrician recommended finding more adequate outlets but that he did not know of any that would be more accommodating to the cinder block walls. Ms. Beadle also reported the center has established a new policy that children can no longer bring outside items into the center except for basic need items (diapers, bottles, blankets, etc.).

On 10/8/2013, I observed the specific electrical outlet related to this incident. I, along with Ms. McImroy, then observed all electrical outlets throughout the entire child care center. We discussed how there was child proofing but that some of the faceplate covers on the electrical outlets did not fit properly and/or were loose. Ms. McImroy and I discussed possible solutions including finding more adequate outlets, finding more adequate outlet faceplate covers, and/or possibly caulking around the electrical outlets.

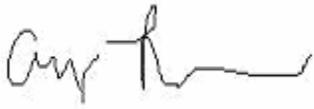
Special Notes and Action Required:

Please provide a written response within 10 days of receipt of this report as to how all the electrical outlets were corrected to fit properly with no gaps (particularly in the areas with cinder block walls). If you need assistance in making corrections, please contact Linn County Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agent Cindy Heck at 319-538-8464 and/or the area's health consultant Jean Randolph at 319-393-7811, ext. 1016.

If you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 319-892-6827; email alyons@dhs.state.ia.us <<mailto:alyons@dhs.state.ia.us>>) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If I have failed to provide for you any information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

Amy Lyons, MA
Child Care Licensor

Consultant's Signature:



Date:

10/09/2013