**Competency Standard I: To establish and maintain a safe, healthy learning environment**

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| **CDA Competency Standard I** | **Functional Areas** | **Definitions**  |
| **I.** To establish and maintain a safe, healthy learning environment | 1. Safe 2. Healthy 3. Learning Environment | 1. Candidate provides a safe environment and teaches children safe practices to prevent and reduce injuries. 2. Candidate provides an environment that promotes health and prevents illness, and teaches children about good nutrition and practices that promote wellness. 3. Candidate organizes and uses relationships, the physical space, materials, daily schedule, and routines to create a secure, interesting, and enjoyable environment that promotes engagement, play, exploration, and learning of all children including children with disabilities and special needs. |

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