

REIMBURSEMENT FOR DAMAGES

Foster parents need to be aware that foster care can involve extra wear and tear and occasional damage to their home. Some examples of “normal” wear and tear may include damaged wallpaper, soiled carpeting, writing on the walls, etc. Occasionally things may happen that go beyond what would be considered normal wear and tear such as intentional destruction of property, unauthorized phone calls or other things that result in a major expense.

Foster parents must take the following steps when requesting reimbursement for damages.

- Contact your licensor.
- Describe the extent of the damage and how it occurred.
- Provide an estimate of the cost to repair the damaged item(s).

Foster Care Staff:

- May ask you to consult with your homeowner’s insurance agency.
- May ask you to submit claim to Minnesota Joint Underwriting Association.
- Will ask program manager for permission to reimburse for the damage(s). Do not repair the damage(s) until foster care staff has informed you that payment was approved. Repairs made prior to approval for payment may not be reimbursed.
- When approved, payment can be made directly to the vendor, or payment can be made to the foster parent. If payment is made to the foster parent, the receipt must be attached to the foster parent’s monthly “Foster Care Provider Request for Payment.”