**Competency Statement 1**

***Directions:****This Reflective Statement must relate directly to the Competency Standard I: To establish and maintain a safe, healthy learning environment.*

The statement should be no more than 500 words in length.

Begin with a paragraph describing how your teaching practices meet the Competency Standard I: To establish and maintain a safe, healthy learning environment. (Note: alternatively, you may also choose to write one paragraph for each Functional Area, if this makes it easier to express your thoughts more clearly.)

* Be sure to save this assignment to print off and include in your **Professional Portfolio**.

**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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