

# Letter: Unlicensed daycare <sup>[1]</sup>

Letter to the Editor

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Re: [With A Light Touch \(editorial, March 3\)](#) <sup>[2]</sup>

<sup>[2]</sup>You say "most [unlicensed] home daycares are safe and well-run." Where is the evidence? It is precisely because these arrangements are unregulated that we know so little about them. We only find out about abuses when a complaint is made or, as has happened a staggering four times in recent months, a child dies.

A light touch is what we have now, with little oversight and an ineffective sprinkling of licensed spaces. What is needed is a firm regulatory hand; the Child Care Modernization Act is a good start. But it won't do the trick unless it is paired with some heavy-duty funding to create a high quality system, with affordable, licensed spaces for those who need them.

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