

Chemical Spills Policy

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QA2	2.2.1	Supervision - At all times, reasonable precautions and adequate supervision ensure children are protected from harm and hazard.
	2.2.2	Incident and emergency management - Plans to effectively manage incidents and emergencies are developed in consultation with relevant authorities, practised and implemented..

QA3	3.1.2	Upkeep - Premises, furniture and equipment are safe, clean and well maintained.
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National Regulations

Regs	85	Incident, injury, trauma and illness policies and procedures
	97	Emergency and evacuation procedure
	106	Laundry and hygiene facilities

Aim

To ensure that, should a chemical be spilled in the service, that it is cleaned up immediately in a safe manner.

Related Policies

Emergency Management and Evacuation Policy

Emergency Service Contact Policy

Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness Policy

Physical Environment (Workplace Safety, Learning and Administration) Policy

Who is affected by this policy?

Child

Parents

Family

Educators

Management

Visitors

Volunteers

PROCEDURE

- Remove children from the area.
- Contain the spill. Ensure that it is cleaned up thoroughly and promptly.
- Approach with care when cleaning. Some chemicals may lack colour or odours, but may still be dangerous. Never assume a chemical is harmless
- Identify chemicals and potential hazards by using the appropriate Material Safety Data Sheet.
- Use the manufacturer's recommendations to clean up the spill appropriately.
- Decontaminate any equipment or clothing associated with the spill.
- Dispose of any equipment should the spill have made it unsafe for further use.
- Reflect on procedures to analyse how this incident occurred and how the incident could be prevented in the future.

Source

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011

National Quality Standard

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004

Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008

Review

The policy will be reviewed annually.

The review will be conducted by:

- Management
- Employees
- Families
- Interested Parties

Last reviewed: 1st May 2023 Date for next review: 1st May 2024