

## Chemical Spills Policy

### NQS

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
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- Last reviewed: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025      Date for next review: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026