

Address: 47 Collingwood St, Osborne Park WA 6017

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Emergency Evacuation Policy

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National Quality Standards (NQS)

Quality Area 2: Children's Health and Safety	
2.1	Each Child's health is promoted
2.2	Healthy eating and physical activity are embedded in the program for children
2.3	Each child is protected

Education and Care Services National Regulations

Children (Education and Care Services) National Law NSW	
97	Policies and procedures in relation to emergency and evacuation
98	Emergency and evacuation procedures
168	Telephone or other communication equipment

PURPOSE

We aim to maintain the safety and wellbeing of each child, educator and individual using the service during an emergency or evacuation situation.

SCOPE

This policy applies to children, families, staff, management and visitors of the Service.

IMPLEMENTATION

We define an emergency as an unplanned, sudden or unexpected event or situation that requires immediate action to prevent harm, injury or illness to persons or damage to the Service's environment. It is a risk to an individual's health and safety. It is important that Services define emergencies that are specific to their environment.

We have a duty of care to provide all persons' with a safe and healthy environment. The National Quality Standard, Element 2.3.3 (Guide to the National Quality Standard, p. 78-79) encourages Services to effectively manage incidents and emergencies and to plan for these in consultation with relevant authorities.

Emergency evacuation plans should be practiced and reviewed frequently. Evacuation plans must be displayed in prominent positions near each exit and in the children's environment with a compliant floor plan for ease of reference.

Circumstances under which evacuation will occur are as follows:

- Fire within the building or playground

Fire in the surrounding area where the Service is in danger closest fire station to Mt Hawthorn Primary School is:

- Osborne Park Address: 47 Collingwood St, Osborne Park WA 6017 Phone:(08) 9244 9577
- Flood, Terrorist threat. Others may include: gas explosion, traffic accident or event which could render the building unsafe CALL:
000 for fire or life threatening emergencies
132 500 for SES emergency assistance
13 DFES (13 3337) for emergency information

Emergency and Evacuation Drills

- We will maintain an up-to-date and register of emergency telephone numbers that must be taken in an emergency or evacuation that is to be located in the emergency evacuation bag.
- Emergency telephone numbers will be displayed prominently throughout the Service in the kitchen, office, staff room and each child care room.
- Evacuation rehearsals are to be practiced in a weekly block once a term so that all children and staff have experienced an evacuation.
- A record will be kept to ensure that all children participate in the emergency evacuation rehearsal at least 4 times per year.
- Each Educator will have a turn at finding the emergency and initiating the evacuation.
- The evacuation is to be timed during rehearsal
- Notes on any areas that need improving or revising are to be documented in the Emergency Evacuation Rehearsal Record. Educators will discuss and implement strategies to improve these areas, which will be documented in the Service's Staff Meeting minutes and Quality Improvement Plan.
- In the event of limited Educators i.e. early morning or late afternoon, staff members are to work together to perform the duties above (the roster should support one Certified Supervisor being on premises at all times to take responsibility and delegating duties). This scenario will be discussed and documented in the Service's Staff Meeting Minutes (WHS).
- In the event of an evacuation causing an inability to use Service phones, e.g. damaged phone lines, a communication plan will see a staff member seek assistance from neighboring residents or businesses and / or use the mobile phone taken by a staff member as per our Emergency Evacuation Plan.
- Management will seek training opportunities for staff to participate in emergency evacuations.
- Inspecting, testing, and servicing fire extinguishers, blankets and other emergency equipment thoroughly is imperative to safety, and compliance to Australian regulations. The maintenance regime for the inspection and testing of fire extinguishers & hydrants is specified in the Australia Standard AS 1851 Maintenance of Fire Protection Systems and Equipment.
- All extinguishers have to be inspected at six monthly intervals and if they don't have a pressure gauge, they may need to be weighed to check they are still full. Some extinguisher types may require additional tasks to be carried out annually. Extinguishers need to be emptied, pressure tested and refilled every five years. There may be other servicing requirements at 3, 5 or 6 years
- The tests and intervals are to be recorded on a label or metal tag attached to the unit.
- The Nominated Supervisor is responsible for ensuring all educators, including relief educators and staff members, are responsive to our Emergency Evacuation Policy and procedure.

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Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) **9395 9300**

National Security hotline **1800 123 400**

Western Power **13 13 51**

ATCO Gas Australia **13 13 52**

Water Corporation **13 13 75**

Royal Perth Hospital	9224 2244
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital	9346 3333
Royal Flying Doctors Service	1800 625 800
Ambulance: non-emergency transport	9334 1234

Jurisdiction specifications for each state

Western Australia (WA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Local Government and Communities – www.dlhc.wa.gov.au • Department for Child Protection – www.dcp.wa.gov.au • Department of Health WA – www.health.wa.gov.au • FESA – Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia - www.fesa.wa.gov.au • Health Direct - www.healthdirect.org.au • Princess Margaret Hospital for Children (PMH) - www.pmh.health.wa.gov.au • Professional Support Coordinator WA: Child Australia – www.childaustralia.org.au • SESVA - State Emergency Service Volunteers Association - www.ses-wa.asn • WA Police – www.police.wa.gov.au • WorkSafe WA - www.commerce.wa.gov.au/WorkSafe/

Source

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Children’s Education & Care Quality Authority. (2014). • Guide to the Education and Care Services National Law and the Education and Care Services National Regulations • ECA Code of Ethics. • Guide to the National Quality Standard. • Fire Protection Association Australia http://www.fpa.com.au/ • Australian Government – Emergency Services http://www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/public-safety-and-law/emergency-services • Managing Emergency Situations http://www.cscentral.org.au/Resources/managing-emergency-situations.pdf • Work Health and Safety Act 2011 • Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011 • NSW Rural Fire Service www.bushfire.nsw.gov.au • Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Victoria
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<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/childhood/providers/support/SampleCSEMPlan.pdf>

- ATTFS

<http://www.atts.com.au/Fire-Services>

- Fire System Services

<http://www.firesys.com.au/Fire-Extinguisher-Service-and-Maintenance-pg14686.html>

Review

Policy Review Date
September 2018

EVACUATION PROCEDURES

The CS of the day will allocate a staff member the role of raising the alarm with 3 long blasts followed by verbal instructions

Instruct children and staff to leave the building and assemble closest to the staff member that signaled the evacuation (if unsafe identify another area)

The CS will also assign a contact staff member the role of collecting the 'GO' bag & care for any ill or injured children

Staff inside collect sign in/ out file and attendance roll on way out

Last staff member/s to leave checks that no people remain inside and proceed to check the toilet

Staff holding the attendance roll will instruct the children to sit quietly and take the roll and the remaining staff will conduct head count

Contact relevant authorities or emergency services

Children and staff remain at assembly point until all clear or further instructions are given

Staff responsible for raising the alarm will write up the evaluation & attach it to the first aid cupboard so it's visible to all staff

Emergency procedures when a staff member is in danger:

Injured staff member will be made as comfortable as possible

First aid to be administered

The staff members next of kin will be contacted (see phone numbers in staff timesheet folder or office)

Staff will call 000 if need be

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