

Administration of First Aid Policy

First aid can save, lives and prevent minor injuries or illnesses from becoming major. The capacity to provide prompt basic first aid is particularly important in the context of an early childhood service where staff have a duty of care and obligation to assist children who are injured, become ill or require support with administration of medication

National Quality Standards (NQS)

Quality Area 2: Children's Health and Safety		
2.1.1	Wellbeing and comfort	Each child's wellbeing and comfort is provided for, including appropriate opportunities to meet each child's needs for sleep, rest, and relaxation
2.1.2	Health practices and procedures	Effective illness and injury management and hygiene practices are promoted and implemented.
2.2	Safety	Each child is protected
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, practiced and implemented

Education and Care Services National Regulations

Children (Education and Care Services) National Law NSW	
12	Meaning of serious incident
85	Incident, injury, trauma and illness policies and procedures
86	Notification to parents of incident, injury, trauma, and illness
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PURPOSE

Our Service has a duty of care to provide and protect the health and safety of children, families, educators, and visitors of the Service. This policy aims to support educators to:

- Preserve life
- Ensure that ill or injured persons are stabilised and comforted until medical assistance intervenes
- Monitor ill or injured persons in the recovery stage
- Apply additional first aid tactics if the condition does not improve
- Ensure the environment is safe and other people are not in danger of becoming ill or injured.

SCOPE

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

IMPLEMENTATION

First aid is the emergency aid or treatment given to persons suffering illness or injury following an accident and prior to obtaining professional medical services if required. It includes emergency treatment, maintenance of records, dressing of minor injuries, recognition and reporting of health hazards and participation in safety programs.

Management is responsible for:

- Children with specific health care needs or medical conditions have a current medical management plan detailing prescribed medication and dosage by their medical practitioner
- medication is only administered by the Service with written authority signed by the child's parent or other responsible person named and authorised in the child's enrolment record to make decisions about the administration of medication [Regulation 92(3)(b)]
- Ensuring that at least one educator attends all times with current approved first aid qualifications and immediately available at all times that children are being educated and cared for by the Service. This can be the same person who has anaphylaxis management training and emergency asthma management training
- Ensuring a risk assessment is conducted prior to an excursion to identify risks to health, safety, or wellbeing and specifying how these risks will be managed and minimised
- Ensuring that first aid training details are recorded and kept up to date on each staff member's record

- Ensuring there is an induction process for all new staff, casual and relief staff, that includes providing information on the location of first aid kits and specific first aid requirements and individual children's allergies
- Ensuring that parents are notified within 24 hours if their child is involved in an incident, injury, trauma, or illness at the service and recording details on the Incident, Injury, Trauma, and Illness Record
- Ensuring the Regulatory Authorities are notified within 24 hours if a child is involved in a serious incident, injury, trauma, or illness at the Service.
- Ensuring that staff are offered support and debriefing after a serious incident requiring the administration of first aid
- Ensuring a resuscitation flow chart is displayed in a prominent position in the indoor and outdoor environments of the service
- Keeping up to date with any changes in procedures for administration of first aid and ensuring that all educators are informed of these changes.

A Nominated Supervisor/ Responsible Person will:

- Maintain a current approved first aid qualification
- Support staff when dealing with a serious incident, trauma
- Provide and maintain an appropriate number of up-to-date, fully equipped first aid kits that meet Australian Standards
- Provide and maintain a transportable first aid kit that can be taken to excursions and other activities
- Monitor the contents of all first aid kits and arranging replacement of stock, including when the use-by date has been reached
- Dispose of out-of-date materials appropriately
- Ensure safety signs showing the location of first aid kits are clearly displayed
- Ensure that educators approved first aid qualifications, anaphylaxis management training and emergency asthma management training are current and meet the requirements of the National Act and National Regulations and are approved by ACECQA
- Provide internal training of the administration of an auto-injection device annually and documenting on staff files
- Keep up to date with any changes in the procedures for the administration of first aid
- Contact families immediately if a child has had a head injury whilst at the Service.
- Ensure that appropriate documentation is being recorded by Nominated/ Responsible person regarding incidents, injury, trauma and illnesses and the administration of first aid. Documentation of the following must be recorded.
 - Name and age of the child
 - Circumstances leading to the incident, injury, trauma, or illness (including any symptoms)
 - Time and date
 - Details of action taken by the service including any medication administered, first aid provided or
 - Medical personnel contacted
 - Details of any witnesses
 - Names of any person the service notified or attempted to notify, and the time and date of this
 - Signature of the person making the entry, and time and date of this.

Educators will:

- Implement appropriate first aid procedures when necessary
- Maintain current approved first aid qualifications, and qualifications in anaphylaxis management and emergency asthma management, as required
- Practice CPR and administration of an auto-injection device annually
- Ensure that all children are adequately supervised while providing first aid and comfort for a child involved in an incident or suffering trauma
- Ensure that the details of any incident requiring the administration of first aid are recorded on the Incident, Injury, Trauma, and Illness Record
- Conduct a risk assessment prior to an excursion to identify risks to health, safety or wellbeing and specifying how these risks will be managed and minimised

Parents will:

- Sign Service records of accidents or injuries that have occurred, acknowledging they have been made aware of the incident and the first aid that treatment that was given to the child
- Provide the required information for the Service's medication record
- Provide written consent (via the enrolment record) for service staff to administer first aid and call an ambulance, if required
- Be contactable, either directly or through emergency contacts listed on the child's enrolment record, in the event of an incident requiring the administration of first aid.

First Aid Kit

The approved provider of the Service will ensure that first aid kits are kept in up to date and in accordance with National Education and Care Service Regulations

All First Aid Kits at the service must:

- Not be locked
- Not contain paracetamol
- Be suitable for the number of employees and children and sufficient for the immediate treatment of injuries at the Service.
- Be easily accessible to staff and educators
- Be constructed of resistant material, be dustproof and of sufficient size to adequately store the required contents
- Contain a list of the contents of the kit.
- Be regularly checked using the First Aid Kit Checklist to ensure the contents are as listed and have not depreciated or expired.
- Consideration should be given to precautionary measures such as sunscreen protection and portable water if working outdoors.
- First Aid kits must be taken on excursions and be attended by First Aid qualified educators.
- Be maintained in proper condition and the contents restocked as required.
- Our First Aid delegated individual responsible for maintaining all First Aid kits at the Service is:

FIRST AID OFFICER	
Name: _____	Role: _____
Number of First Aid Kits Responsible for at the Service: _____	
Additional First Aid Officer: _____	

- These individuals are responsible for conducting and maintaining each first aid kit by complying with the First Aid Checklist, certifying each Kit has the required quantities, items are within their expiry dates and sterile products are sealed. This will occur after each use or if unused, at least annually.
- Individuals along with the Nominated Supervisor will also consider whether the first aid kits and components are appropriate and effective for the Service's hazards and the injuries that have occurred. If the kit requires additional resources, these individuals will advise and follow up with the Nominated Supervisor.

First Aid Kit Checklist

Our Service will use the Checklist in Safe Work Australia's First Aid in the Workplace Code of Practice as a guide to what to include in our First Aid Kit.

<http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/SWA/about/Publications/Documents/693/First%20aid%20in%20the%20workplaceV3.pdf>

Western Australia (WA)

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Source

- 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 2015,
- ECA Code of Ethics.
- Guide to the National Quality Standard.

- Safe Work Australia Legislative Fact Sheets First Aiders
- Safe Work Australia First Aid in the Workplace Code of Practice
- Work Health and Safety Act
http://worksafe.tas.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/203596/first_aid_code.pdf
- Safe Work Australia Legislative Fact Sheets First Aiders
- Safe Work Australia Legislative Fact Sheets First Aiders
- Safe Work Australia First Aid in the Workplace Code of Practice
- Safe Work Australia First Aid in the Workplace Code of Practice Work Health and Safety Act 2012
- WA Code of Practice First Aid Facilities and Practice

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