



Policy 030 – Health and Safety

Policy statement: Health and Safety

It is my policy to promote and ensure the good health and safety of children in my care in line with the requirements laid out in the EYFS Framework, and Health and Safety Executive.

Procedure (how I put the statement into practice)

Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment

In order to ensure children's safety in my setting I have safety film on the glass doors and perform a daily check of the environment especially in relation to sharp objects, hot or electrical items, chemical substances and small items that could present a choking hazard.

My smoke alarms are tested regularly and fire drills are carried out and recorded. I have a fire blanket in my kitchen and children and parents are aware of my emergency evacuation procedure.

My premises are secure to ensure children's safety and prevent intruders and I check the identity of visitors.

I will ensure that I take all reasonable steps to ensure any staff and children in my care are not exposed to risks and I will demonstrate how I manage risk.

My risk assessments identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis, when and by whom these aspects will be checked and how I will remove or minimise the risk. I have risk activities for the activities I undertake with children and these are reviewed periodically. (See my Risk Assessment policy.)

All equipment used in my childminding business is regularly checked for damage and wear and tear and replaced when necessary, for example high chairs, buggies, cots, outdoor toys and play equipment.



Our cars are regularly serviced have an up to date MOT and are insured for business use.

All car seats are checked regularly and used correctly in accordance with seat belt regulations.

All gardening equipment are secured, and dangerous plants have been removed.

I hold a current paediatric first aid certificate.

Health

I hold a basic food hygiene certificate.

I encourage children to learn about good hygiene by promoting regular hand washing. For example after using the toilet, playing in the mud kitchen and before eating and drinking. We use liquid hand soap and each child has their own individual towel.

When providing meals and snacks children are encouraged to make healthy choices and the benefits of an active lifestyle are promoted, e.g. access to outdoor play daily. I am aware of the [Chief Medical Office guidance to physical activity](#).

Baby changing mats are cleaned after each use.

I have registered with my local environmental health department, and ensure correct storage, hygiene of food preparation areas and preparation of food.

All areas accessible to children including toys and equipment are regularly cleaned and checked for damage.

This policy also links with my accident and emergency procedures, illness, risk assessment, no smoking and outings policy.

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This policy supports the following requirements and standards:

England

Meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements

Safety and Suitability of premises, environment and equipment. Risk Assessment