



Recording and reporting of accidents and incidents

Policy statement

We follow the guidelines of the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) for the reporting of accidents and incidents. Child protection matters or behavioural incidents between children are not regarded as incidents and there are separate procedures for this.

Procedures

Accidents:

- All accident reports are completed on EYLog.
- All staff have access to EYLog and are shown how to complete accident reports.
- Accident reports are sent directly to the parents through EYLog. Staff will also notify parents on collection or via phone depending on the severity of the accident.
- Accident reports are checked each month to check for any trend and to adjust risk assessments accordingly.

Accident on arrivals:

- Any accidents that occur outside of the setting that cause injury to the child are recorded on an accident form.
- Parents are to notify the setting of any injuries when they arrive at the setting.
- These reports will be checked regularly and monitored against sickness and absences.

Reporting accidents and incidents

- Ofsted is notified as soon as possible, but at least within 14 days, of any instances which involve:
 - anything that requires resuscitation
 - admittance to hospital for more than 24 hours

- o a broken bone or fracture
- o dislocation of any major joint, such as the shoulder, knee, hip or elbow
- o any loss of consciousness
- o severe breathing difficulties, including asphyxia
- o anything leading to hypothermia or heat-induced illness
- Local child protection agencies are informed of any serious accident or injury to a child, or the death of any child, while in our care and we act on any advice given by those agencies.
- Any food poisoning affecting two or more children or adults on our premises is reported to the local Environmental Health Department.
- We meet our legal requirements in respect of the safety of our employees and the public by complying with RIDDOR. We report to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE):
- Any work-related accident leading to an injury to any child or adult, for which they are taken directly to hospital for treatment.
- Any work-related accident leading to a specified injury to one of our employees. Specified injuries include injuries such as fractured bones, the loss of consciousness due to a head injury, serious burns or amputations.
- Any work-related accident leading to an injury to one of our employees which results in them being unable to work for seven consecutive days. All work-related injuries that lead to one of our employees being incapacitated for three or more days are recorded in our accident book.
- When one of our employees suffers from a reportable occupational disease or illness as specified by the HSE.
- Any death, of a child or adult, that occurs in connection with a work-related accident.
- Any dangerous occurrences. This may be an event that causes injury or fatalities or an event that does not cause an accident, but could have done; such as a gas leak.

Incident book

- We have ready access to telephone numbers for emergency services, including the local police. Where we are responsible for the premises we have contact numbers for the electricity emergency services, and a carpenter and plumber.
- We ensure that our staff and volunteers carry out all health and safety procedures to minimise risk and that they know what to do in an emergency.
- On discovery of an incident, we report it to the appropriate emergency services – fire, police, and ambulance – if those services are needed.

- If an incident occurs before any children arrive the manager will assess the situation and decide if the premises are safe to receive children. Our manager may decide to offer a limited service or to close the setting.
- Where an incident occurs whilst the children are in our care and it is necessary to evacuate the premises/area, we follow the procedures in our Fire Safety and Emergency Evacuation Policy or, when on an outing, the procedures identified in the risk assessment for the outing.
- If a crime may have been committed, we ask all adult witnesses to the incident, make a witness statement including the date and time of the incident, what they saw or heard, what they did about it and their full name and signature.
- We keep an incident book for recording major incidents, including some of those that are reportable to the Health and Safety Executive as above.
- These incidents include:
 - a break in, burglary, or theft of personal or our setting's property;
 - an intruder gaining unauthorised access to our premises;
 - a fire, flood, gas leak or electrical failure;
 - an attack on an adult or child on our premises or nearby;
 - any racist incident involving families or our staff on the setting's premises;
 - a notifiable disease or illness, or an outbreak of food poisoning affecting two or more children looked after on our premises;
 - the death of a child or adult; and
 - a terrorist attack, or threat of one.
- In the incident book we record the date and time of the incident, nature of the event, who was affected, what was done about it or if it was reported to the police, and if so a crime number. Any follow up, or insurance claim made, is also recorded.
- In the event of a terrorist attack, we follow the advice of the emergency services with regard to evacuation, medical aid and contacting children's families. Our standard Fire Safety and Emergency Evacuation Policy will be followed and our staff will take charge of their key children. The incident is recorded when the threat is averted.
- In the unlikely event of a child dying on our premises, the emergency services are called and the advice of these services are followed.
- The incident book is not for recording issues of concern involving a child. This is recorded in the child's own file.

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Signed on behalf of the committee by

This policy is to be reviewed annually unless legislation requires before.