

# CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY



**Quality Area 2: Children's health and safety**

**Standard 2.3.2 Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and any hazard likely to cause injury**

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### Physical environment

The physical environment including outdoor furniture, play equipment, and other equipment is checked before every session by staff for any potential hazards to children including a walk of the boundary. Any hazardous material are disposed of immediately in the external council bins. The sandpit is also raked each session. No hazardous or poisonous plants are accessible to children.

### Dangerous Products

All poisonous and dangerous products are stored away from children in a locked cupboard that is clearly labelled.

### Food Preparation and Cooking Activities

Where the children are involved in these activities, close supervision is maintained at all times and health and hygiene procedures are following (Hand Washing Policy).

### Water Safety Procedure

- Only water troughs and water features are to be filled or turned on when play begins either indoors and outdoors when active supervision can occur
- At all times children playing with water (water play trough) must be closely supervised
- Never leave a child unattended at a water feature, a staff member must supervise this area at all times when a child is in attendance.
- All water troughs must be emptied immediately after use and the water is recycled on to lawns and plants wherever possible.
- Water containers/troughs are to be placed in an open area for supervision. Water troughs are not to be placed in blind areas of the outdoors and indoors environments.
- No hot water is accessible to children.
- There are no excursions or activities involving swimming that are undertaken with the children. (see Excursion Policy)