

Edgeworth Child Care Centre Inc.

Hazardous Plants Policy

Aim

Edgeworth Child Care Centre is aware there are a lot of plants that are poisonous or capable of causing highly allergic reaction. The service's aim is to minimise the risk to children in relation to hazardous plants. The service where possible will gain professional advice when installing landscaping or new plants at the service.

Legislative Requirements

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010
Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
Work Health and Safety Act 2011
Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011

Who is affected by this policy?

Staff
Children
Families
Visitors
Management

Implementation

The Approved Provider/Nominated Supervisor of the service will ensure that any vegetation in the children's play area is identified and maintained to ensure that it does not present a hazard to the children.

To minimise the risk the service will:

- Remove all poisonous plants.
- Make available to all educators and other staff the latest information on poisonous plants.
- Supervise children at all time around plants.
- Teach children not to eat anything straight from a bush or plant.
- Keep the Poison Information phone number **13 11 26** near the phone.

Symptoms of poisoning:

- Vomiting
- Stomach cramps
- Burning to the mouth
- Irregular heart beat
- Convulsions

First Aid:

- Ring Poison Information Line **13 11 26**
- Call **000** if child is having difficulty breathing, is unconscious or having a seizure.

The Approved Provide/Nominated Supervisor will ensure that this policy is maintained and implemented at all times.

Sources

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010

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The Children's Hospital at Westmead www.chw.edu.au Retrieved: 26 10 16

Hazardous Plants Fact Sheet <http://kidshealth.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/fact-sheets/poisonous-plants>

Poison information Centre <http://www.chw.edu.au/poisons> Retrieved: 26 10 16

Review

The policy will be reviewed annually. Review will be conducted by management, employees, parents and any interested parties.

Reviewed: 26 October 2016

Date for next review: October 2017