

Edgeworth Child Care Centre Inc.

Minimising the Use of Toxic Products and other Potentially Dangerous Products Policy

Aim

In the interest of the whole centre community, the health and safety of children and staff, the centre's aim is to monitor its use of chemicals, how and when they are used, in addition to how they are stored. We will always seek to use the least harmful product in a way that has the minimum impact on the children whilst still maintaining high standards of hygiene and cleanliness.

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?

Children
Staff
Families
Management

Implementation

In order to minimise the use of toxic products and other potentially dangerous products the staff will undertake chemical audits, obtain information (MSDS) about the products used (correct usage/storage), make use of current information and resources and provide this information to all contact staff.

Edgeworth Child Care Centre will

- Use the least harmful product: the centre will use warm water/mild detergent or non-toxic neutralizer for everyday cleaning of surfaces.
- Use chemicals in least harmful manner: the centre will minimise use of cleaning and other products while children are present (where possible).
- Correctly handle/store/use chemicals: the centre will audit and store chemicals in appropriate storage cupboard that are inaccessible to children and select products with child proof packaging.
- Use Correct Information: The centre will obtain Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), emergency details and have correctly labeled containers. The MSDS will be clearly displayed where any hazardous chemicals or substances are stored. When required MSDS will be available in community languages.

- Train Staff: Staff will receive ongoing training in the use of potentially dangerous products.
- Train Children: Children will be taught through the centre's program about safe behaviours and practices in regards to the storage of dangerous chemicals and substances.

Students, visitors and volunteers must comply with this policy at all times.

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

Sources

Kids and Poisons <http://kidshealth.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/poison-safety>

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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

Guide to National Quality Standard October 2011

Review

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

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