

# Health and Safety Policy and Procedure

*Providers must comply with requirements of health and safety legislation (including fire safety and hygiene requirements" (3.54)*

Statutory Framework for the EYFS 2017

**Children learn best when they are healthy, safe and secure; and when their individual needs are being met. Childminders must ensure the premises and equipment used for the purposes of childcare are safe and suitable and children are kept safe secure and healthy.**

I meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and the Childcare Register, by:

- Holding a current paediatric first aid certificate. (3.25)
- Ensuring there is a first aid box accessible at all times with appropriate content for use with children. (3.50)
- Keeping a written record of accidents or injuries and first aid treatment. (3.50)
- Informing parents and/or carers of any accident or injury sustained by your child on the same day, or as soon as reasonably practicable, of any first aid treatment given.
- Notifying Ofsted of any serious accident, illness or injury to, or death of, any child while in my care, and of the action taken, within 14 days of the incident occurring. (3.51)
- Ensuring my premises, including overall floor space and outdoor spaces are fit for purpose and suitable for the age of children cared for and the activities provided on the premises. (3.54) (Please see my **Risk Assessment Policy and Procedure**)
- Keeping premises and equipment clean.
- Ensuring the safety of children and others on the premises in the case of fire or any other emergency. (Please see my **Emergency Evacuation Policy and Procedure**).
- Having appropriate smoke alarms which are in working order. (3.55) (Please see my **Emergency Evacuation Policy and Procedure**).
- Not allowing smoking in or on the premises when the children are present or about to be present. (3.56) (Please see my **No Smoking Policy**).
- Ensuring there are suitable hygienic changing facilities for changing children who are in nappies. (3.60)
- Ensuring for each individual child there is clean bedding, towels, spare clothes and any other necessary items are always available.
- Only releasing children into the care of individuals who have been notified to me by the parent. (3.62)
- Ensuring that children do not leave the premises unsupervised. (3.62)
- Preventing unauthorised persons entering the premises, and ensuring that no one can enter my premises without my knowledge. I have an agreed procedure for checking the identity of visitors (3.62). (Please see my **Visitors Procedure**)
- Having in place public liability insurance. (3.63)
- Ensuring vehicles in which children are being transported, and myself are insured for business use. (3.66)

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The Development Matters Guidance outlines some good practice that I need to be aware of:

- Physical Development – Moving and Handling - Enabling Environments:
  - Offer low-level equipment so that babies can pull up to a standing position, shuffle or walk, ensuring that they are safe at all times, while not restricting their explorations. (8-20months)
  - Anticipate young children’s exuberance and ensure the space is clear and suitable for their rapid and sometimes unpredictable movements. (16-26 months)
  - Provide safe spaces and explain safety to children and parents. (16-26 months)
- Physical Development – Moving and Handling - Positive Relationships:
  - Be aware that babies have little sense of danger when their interests are focused on getting something they want. (8-20 months)
  - Teach children the skills they need to use equipment safely, e.g. cutting with scissors or using tools. (30-50 months)
  - Explain why safety is an important factor in handling tools, equipment and materials, and have sensible rules for everybody to follow. (30-60months)
- Early Learning Goals:
  - They move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space. Physical Development - Moving and Handling.
  - Children know the importance for good health of physical exercise, and a healthy diet, and talk about ways to keep healthy and safe. They manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs successfully, including dressing and going to the toilet independently. Physical Development - Health and self-care
  - They safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques. Expressive Arts and Design - Exploring and using media and materials.

I am aware of the legislation with regards to car seats, which is outlined at <http://www.childcarseats.org.uk/law/>

To receive news updates and information on child safety <http://capt.org.uk/>

I am aware of the links between accidental injury and a child’s development – please refer to the document ‘Accidents and child development’ available online at [http://www.nhserewash.com/safeguarding/Accidents\\_and\\_child\\_development\[1\]1%20DCSF.pdf](http://www.nhserewash.com/safeguarding/Accidents_and_child_development[1]1%20DCSF.pdf)

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