

The Kinder Garden



Sand Pit Policy

Aim

The Kinder Garden aims to ensure that the sandpit is clean, hygienic and in a safe condition for all service users.

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
Families
Educators
Staff
Community
Visitors
Management

Implementation

In order to ensure our sand pit is always a safe and hygienic place for children to play and learn, we will do the following:

- The sandpit will be covered when not in use and overnight.
- Daily inspections of the sandpit as part of our daily safety checks, to ensure it is safe for children to use.
- Daily raking of the sandpit before children use it.
- Monthly turnover to aerate the sand and replenish if levels drop 100mm below the top edge of the sandpit.
- Change sand every 12 months or more often if required.
- Regularly clean/sanitise sand with salt, running a rake through the sand to ensure it is all sanitised. Sun and fresh air are good disinfectants also.
- Use washed beach or river sand as recommended by Kidsafe NSW.

In the event that any animal or human waste is found in the sandpit, the following procedure will be following:

- If children are in the sandpit, all children will be removed from the area.
- The waste will be removed from the area, as per regular cleaning procedures. Staff will wear suitable protective clothing.
- Soiled sand will also be removed from the area, and the sand in that area will be sanitised with salt, or neutral detergent and water distributed with a watering can.
- Where extensive contamination has occurred, all sand should be replaced.

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

Sources

Australian Workplace Safety Standards Regulations 2005
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
Public Health Act 2010
Kidsafe NSW Inc.

Review

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

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