

## **Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health**

Providers must keep a written record of accidents or injuries and first aid treatment.

# **Parc Eglos Nursery: Recording and reporting of accidents and incidents**

## **Policy statement**

We follow the guidelines of the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) for the reporting of accidents and incidents. Child protection matters or behavioural incidents between children are not regarded as incidents and there are separate procedures for this.

## **Procedures**

*Our accident record file:*

- is kept in a safe and secure place in the cupboard in the Nursery Office
- is accessible to our staff, who all know how to complete it; and
- is reviewed termly to identify any potential or actual hazards.

*Reporting accidents and incidents*

- Ofsted is notified as soon as possible, but at least within 14 days, of any instances which involve:
  - food poisoning affecting two or more children looked after on the premises;
  - a serious accident or injury to, or serious illness of, a child in our care and the action we take in response; and
  - the death of a child in our care
- Local child protection agencies are informed of any serious accident or injury to a child, or the death of any child, while in our care and we act on any advice given by those agencies.
- Any food poisoning affecting two or more children or adults on our premises is reported to the local Environmental Health Department.
- We meet our legal requirements in respect of the safety of our employees and the public by complying with RIDDOR. We report to the Health and Safety Executive:
  - Any work-related accident leading to an injury to a member of the public (child or adult), for which they are taken directly to hospital for treatment.
  - Any work-related accident leading to a specified injury to one of our employees. Specified injuries include injuries such as fractured bones, the loss of consciousness due to a head injury, serious burns or amputations.
  - Any work-related accident leading to an injury to one of our employees which results in them being unable to work for seven consecutive days. All work-related injuries that lead to one of our employees being incapacitated for three or more days are recorded in our accident book.
  - When one of our employees suffers from a reportable occupational disease or illness.

- Any death, of a child or adult, that occurs in connection with a work-related accident.
- Any dangerous occurrences. This may be an event that causes injury or fatalities or an event that does not cause an accident, but could have done; such as a gas leak.
- The Health and Safety Officer (Mr Martyn Pennell) is responsible for reporting incidents to the Health and Safety Executive. Any dangerous occurrence is recorded in our incident book (see below).

We have access to the person responsible for dealing with emergencies (Mr Martyn Pennell) and our nearest phone is situated in the nursery office if we need to contact the emergency services.

- We ensure that our staff and volunteers are aware of health and safety procedures which they need to act upon to minimise risk and that they know what to do in an emergency, as detailed below.
- On discovery of an incident, we report it to the appropriate emergency services – fire, police, ambulance – if those services are needed.
- If an incident occurs before any children arrive, our Health and Safety Officer or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, risk assesses this situation and decides if the premises are safe to receive children. Our Manager may decide to offer a limited service or to close the setting.
- Where an incident occurs whilst the children are in our care and it is necessary to evacuate the premises/area, we follow the procedures in our Fire Safety and Emergency Evacuation Policy or, when on an outing, the procedures identified in the risk assessment for the outing.
- If a crime may have been committed, we ask all adults witness to the incident make a witness statement including the date and time of the incident, what they saw or heard, what they did about it and their full name and signature.
- Any major incidents are reported by our Health & Safety Officer, using the online reporting link on the Accident Reporting Website, including some of those that are reportable to the Health and Safety Executive as above. Refer to Riddor Procedures 2013
- In the unlikely event of a terrorist attack, we follow the advice of the emergency services with regard to evacuation, medical aid and contacting children's families. Our standard Fire Safety and Emergency Evacuation Policy will be followed. The incident is recorded when the threat is averted.
- In the unlikely event of a child dying on our premises, the emergency services are called and the advice of these services are followed.

### **Legal framework**

- Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 1995 (As Amended)

### **Further guidance**

- RIDDOR Guidance and Reporting Form: [www.hse.gov.uk/riddor](http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor)

This policy was adopted by

Parc Eglos Nursery

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Signed on behalf of the provider

Parc Eglos Nursery

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Name of signatory

Mr Stewart Paterson

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Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)

Chair of Governors

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