

Nursery Furniture and Equipment Safety Policy

National Quality Standard (NQS)

Quality Area 2: Children's Health and Safety		
2.2	Safety	Each child is protected
2.2.1	Supervision	At all times, reasonable precautions and adequate supervision ensure children are protected from harm and hazard

Always use furniture and equipment that has been made in accordance with Australian design standards and the Safe-baby code of practice and for safe nursery furniture, which has been developed by Kidsafe Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia.

- The approved provider and service educators must ensure the equipment and furniture used in providing the education and care at the service is safe, clean and in good repair.
- Educators will record any furniture or equipment that needs maintenance in the *Maintenance Register* and report this to the Nominated Supervisor.
- Ensure furniture is sturdily built so it will not collapse, is easy to clean, non- toxic and age appropriate
- Look for entrapment hazards; it is easy for small fingers and limbs to get caught in gaps. Head and upper body entrapments can cause death by asphyxiation. (Be aware that fingers can get caught in holes or openings between 5-12mm, limbs in gaps between 30-50mm and heads in gaps over 85mm.)
- Always use furniture and equipment that is free of rough surfaces, sharp edges, points, projections and small pieces that can break off. (Avoid using unsafe equipment such as baby walkers)
- To reduce the risk of harm, collapsible furniture and furniture that presents possible entrapment hazards will not be used.
- All furniture and equipment will be age appropriate.
- Educators will regularly test locking devices to ensure they work correctly and regularly check furniture and equipment for stability, wear and tear.
- Non-toxic, easy to clean surfaces will be sourced for all equipment.
- Educators will be made aware that most injuries related to furniture are due to falls from equipment and will reflect on this when setting up and planning the environment.
- Educators will ensure effective supervision of all children at all times to minimise the risk of accidents and injuries that could result from the furniture and equipment within the Centre.
- All equipment and furniture will be kept in a clean and hygienic state, particularly before and after food service.

- Ensure furniture and equipment does not contain any lead. This is most likely to occur with second hand furniture.
- All equipment needs to comply with the most current safety advice from recognised authorities.

This policy was made with consideration to Education and Care Services National Regulations, www.kidsafe.com.au, raisingchildren.net.au

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Signature of Nominated Supervisor: _____

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