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Purpose

A balance of Ultraviolet Radiation (UV) exposure is important for health. Too much of the sun's UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer in later life. Too little UV from the sun can lead to low Vitamin D levels. Vitamin D is essential for healthy bones and muscles and for general health Sunsmart 2015.

Scope

Approved Provider, Nominated supervisor, Early Childhood educators, casual staff and families

RELATED GUIDELINES, STANDARDS, FRAMEWORKS

National Quality Standard, Quality Area 1: Educational Program and Practice – Standards 1.1, 1.2

National Quality Standard, Quality Area 2: Children's Health and Safety – Standards 2.1, 2.2

National Quality Standard, Quality Area 3: Children's Health and Safety – Standards 3.1, 3.2

National Quality Standard, Quality Area 4: Staffing Arrangements – Standards 4.1, 4.2

National Quality Standard, Quality Area 5: Relationships with Children – Standards 5.1, 5.2

National Quality Standard, Quality Area 6: Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities – Standards 6.1, 6.2

National Quality Standard, Quality Area 7: Governance and Leadership – Standards 7.1, 7.2

Radiation Protection Standard for Occupational Exposure to Ultraviolet Radiation (2006)

Safe Work Australia: Guidance Note for the Protection of Workers from the Ultraviolet Radiation in Sunlight (2008)

Definitions

- Ensure all children, educators and staff have some UV exposure for vitamin D. <
- Ensure all children, educators and staff are well protected from too much UV exposure by using a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV levels reach 3 and above.
- Ensure the outdoor environment is sun safe and provides shade for children, educators and staff.
- Ensure children are encouraged and supported to develop independent sun protection skills.
- Support duty of care and regulatory requirements.
- Support appropriate OHS strategies to minimise UV risk and associated harms for educators, staff and visitors.

This policy has been adapted from the NSW Cancer Council Sun Protection Policy Sample for further detail visit www.cancercouncil.com.au.

Policy Content

- Ensure the service operates in line with the Education and Care Services National Law and National Regulations 2011.
- Ensure children are adequately supervised, are not subject to inappropriate discipline, and are protected from harms and hazards.
- Ensure sun protection information will be promoted to all staff, families and visitors.
- Provide support and advice to all staff with regard to implementation of the Sun Protection Policy

Links to Policy

Providing a Child Safe Environment
Excursion Policy

Links to Procedure

Sun Protection Procedure

Links to Forms

Nil

References

National Asthma Council – www.nationalasthma.org.au

Asthma Australia – www.asthmaaustralia.org.au

Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy – www.allergy.org.au

Diabetes Australia – www.diabetesaustralia.com.au

Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) – www.acecqa.gov.au

NSW Cancer Council – www.cancercouncil.com.au

Responsibility

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Relevant Legislation

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010: Section 167

Education and Care Services National Regulations: Regulations 100, 113, 114, 168(2)(a)(ii)

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004

Associated Records

Nil