



DEATH OF A CHILD POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT:

Educators in the centre must be prepared to handle all incidents in a professional and sensitive manner. In the event of such tragic circumstance as the death of a child, the educator will follow guidelines as set out below.

PROCEDURES:

- The death of a child must be reported to:
 - The Police
 - The Regulatory Authority
 - The Management committee
- Clear emergency procedure should be maintained for the other children at the centre.
- The centre will notify the parent/guardian that a serious incident has happened and advise them to contact the relevant medical agency.
- This information should be provided in an extremely sensitive manner.
- It is not the role of the centre to inform the parent/guardian that their child has died.
- A detailed report should be given as soon as possible.
- Counselling will be made available for all children and educators.
- Staff are not to make comment to the media
- Any media comments will come from Management only

CONSIDERATION:

Education and Care Services National Regulations	National Quality Standard	Other Service policies/documentation
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Management of Incident/Injury/Trauma/Illness- Providing a Child Safe Environment Policy

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