



Safety & Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment Policy

8.2 Maintaining children's safety and security on premises

Policy statement

We maintain the highest possible security of our premises to ensure that each child is safely cared for during their time with us.

Procedures

Children's personal safety

- We ensure all employed staff have been checked for criminal records by an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).
- Adults do not normally supervise children on their own.
- All children are supervised by adults at all times.
- Whenever children are on the premises at least two adults are present.
- We carry out risk assessment to ensure children are not made vulnerable within any part of our premises, nor by any activity.

Security

- Systems are in place for the safe arrival and departure of children.
- The times of the children's arrivals and departures are recorded.
- The arrival and departure times of adults - staff, volunteers and visitors - are recorded.
- Our systems prevent unauthorised access to our premises.
- Our systems prevent children from leaving our premises unnoticed.
- We only allow visitors with prior appointments
- Our staff check the identity of any person who is not known to us before entry to the premises.
- We keep front doors and any gates locked shut at all times. Backdoors are kept shut where they lead to an unsupervised area.
- Minimal petty cash is kept on the premises

This policy was adopted at a meeting of _____ name of provider

Held on _____ (date)

Date to be reviewed _____ (date)

Signed on behalf of the management committee _____

Name of signatory _____

Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner)

Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications

- Managing Risk (2009)