Chemical Spills Policy

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<th>Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and any hazard likely to cause injury.</th>
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<td>Plans to effectively manage incidents and emergencies are developed in consultation with relevant authorities, practised and implemented.</td>
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<th>Outdoor and indoor spaces, buildings, furniture, equipment, facilities and resources are suitable for their purpose.</th>
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<td>The service takes an active role in caring for its environment and contributes to a sustainable future.</td>
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<td>Children are supported to become environmentally responsible and show respect for the environment.</td>
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Aim
To ensure that, should a chemical be spilled in the service, that it is cleaned up immediately in a safe manner.

Related Policies
Emergency Management and Evacuation Policy
Emergency Service Contact Policy
Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness Policy
Physical Environment (Workplace Safety, Learning and Administration) Policy

Who is affected by this policy?
Child
Parents
Family
Educators
Management
Visitors
Volunteers
PROCEDURE

- Remove children from the area.
- Contain the spill. Ensure that it is cleaned up thoroughly and promptly.
- Approach with care when cleaning. Some chemicals may lack colour or odours, but may still be dangerous. Never assume a chemical is harmless.
- Identify chemicals and potential hazards by using the appropriate Material Safety Data Sheet.
- Use the manufacturer’s recommendations to clean up the spill appropriately.
- Decontaminate any equipment or clothing associated with the spill.
- Dispose of any equipment should the spill have made it unsafe for further use.
- Reflect on procedures to analyse how this incident occurred and how the incident could be prevented in the future.

Source

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
National Quality Standard
Work Safety Act 2008

Review

The policy will be reviewed annually.

The review will be conducted by:

- Management
- Employees
- Families
- Interested Parties

Last reviewed: July 2016    Date for next review: July 2017