

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

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### **Health and Safety**

It is my policy to promote and ensure the good health and safety of children in my care in line with the requirements laid out in the EYFS Framework, and Health and Safety Executive.

### **Procedure (how I put the statement into practice)**

#### ***Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment***

In order to ensure children's safety in my setting I have a range of safety equipment e.g. stair gates, door and drawer locks, which are regularly checked to ensure they are in good repair.

My smoke alarms are tested regularly and fire drills are carried out and recorded. I have a fire blanket in my kitchen and children and parents are aware of my emergency evacuation procedure.

My premises are secure to ensure children's safety and prevent intruders and I have a procedure for checking the identity of visitors.

I have a risk assessment policy that details how I manage and assess risk and an outings policy that details my procedure whilst away from the setting.

All equipment used in my childminding business is regularly checked for damage and wear and tear and replaced when necessary, for example high chairs, buggies.

All gardening equipment is locked in the shed, and dangerous plants have been removed.

I hold a current local authority approved paediatric first aid certificate.

### ***Health***

I encourage children to learn about good hygiene by promoting regular hand washing.

When providing meals and snacks children are encouraged to make healthy choices and the benefits of an active lifestyle are promoted, e.g. access to outdoor play daily.

Baby changing mats are cleaned after each use.

All areas accessible to children including toys and equipment are regularly cleaned.

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This policy also links with my accident and emergency procedures, illness, risk assessment, no smoking and outings policy.

Date policy was written	September 2013
This policy is due for review on the following date	March 2014

**This policy supports the following requirements and standards:**

**England**

Meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements

**Safety and Suitability of premises, environment and equipment , Safety**