



Excursion Risk Assessment – Vehicle

In relation to outings, the Education and Care Services National Regulations 2021 require:

- **Regulation 100(3)** A family day care educator must carry out a risk assessment in accordance with regulation 101 before an authorisation referred to in regulation 102(4) is sought for an excursion.
- **Regulation 102(3)** A family day care educator must ensure that a child who is being educated and cared for by the educator as part of a family day care service is not taken outside the residence or approved family day care venue on an excursion unless written authorisation has been provided under sub-regulation (4).
- **Regulation 102(5)** If the excursion is a *regular outing, the authorisation is only required to be obtained once in a 12 month period.

* "Regular outing" means a walk, drive or trip to and from a destination that the service visits regularly as part of its educational program, and where the circumstances relevant to the risk assessment are substantially the same on each outing.

Excursion

Name of Service/Educator:		
Excursion Details:		
Date of excursion: Or Start date:		Regularity of regular outing:
Means of Transport: If Private Car Make/Model and Registration:		Driver:
Number of children involved in the excursion:	Number of adults involved in the excursion:	Are adults with specialised skills required?
Proposed Activities: List all activities that will take place during the excursion.		Water Hazards including any risks associated with water based activities: If yes, detail in Risk Assessment.
Proposed Route: Please include a map sourced online or a detailed description.		
Proposed Destination(s)		Estimated duration of excursion:

<p>Describe in detail, the procedures for entering and exiting the education and care service premises, including the procedures for embarking and disembarking the vehicle.</p> <p>Include how each child is accounted for.</p>	
<p>Describe the procedures for entering and exiting the pick up location or destination:</p> <p>Include how each child is accounted for.</p>	

Items which must be taken on an excursion	
<input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit.	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact information for each child and adult attending.
<input type="checkbox"/> Hats and Sunscreen.	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical information for each child and adult attending.
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottles and Food.	<input type="checkbox"/> Medication (if required).
<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Phone.	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Log.
<input type="checkbox"/> Document identifying children in care.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)
Transport Checklist	
<input type="checkbox"/> Child restraints are correctly fitted.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Restraints are appropriate for each child and are adjusted to suit each child attending.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle has been serviced by a qualified mechanic within the last 12 months.	

Use the table below to identify and assess risks to the safety, health or wellbeing of children attending the excursion, and specify how these risks will be managed and minimised [regulation 101(1)]. This must include any risks associated with water-based activities.

LIKELIHOOD	CONSEQUENCE		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Likely	High	High	Medium
Possible	High	Medium	Low
Unlikely	Medium	Low	Low

Transport			
Driver	Multiple injuries	H	Driver has a current and correct class of licence for the vehicle being driven. Driver is experienced and has the ability to supervise a group of children and concentrate on driving a vehicle. Obey all Queensland Road rules.
Vehicle	Multiple injuries Impact to vehicle Breakdown	M	Vehicle is insured. Vehicle is well maintained and serviced by a qualified mechanic at least yearly. Have roadside assistance.
Vehicle speed	Multiple injuries	H	Speed limits are always observed.
Weather conditions	Multiple injuries Impact to vehicle Breakdown	H	Extra care is taken when driving during wet and windy weather. Drive to conditions. Cancel outing if possible, during extreme weather.
Vehicle accident or break down	Multiple injuries to educator and/or children Parents unaware of their child's whereabouts Vehicle impacted by another vehicle after breakdown Heat exhaustion Dehydration	H	Luggage within the vehicle is secured prior to the trip. Child restraints are correctly fitted and used appropriately. Vehicle is moved out of traffic if possible. Use hazard lights. Do not stand on the road. Have a working mobile phone. A sign, identifying Mackay Family Day Care Scheme as the child care service and emergency contact details for the service is clearly displayed and visible in the vehicle. Emergency contacts for each child are in the vehicle. Emergency services are contacted if required. Mackay Family Day Care Scheme and parents are contacted. Children are removed from the vehicle if this is deemed the safest option in the circumstances. Drinking water is available. A well equipped first aid kit is carried in the vehicle.

Road conditions and obstructions	Multiple injuries Impact to vehicle Breakdown	H	Plan the trip. Educator is always alert. Drive appropriately for the road conditions. Never drive through floodwater. Take an alternate route or return home if road conditions require.
Children getting in & out of the vehicle	Multiple injuries	H	Child locks on doors are engaged. When parking in a street, children enter and exit the vehicle from the kerb side. Direct and constant supervision of all children getting in & out of vehicle. A plan for embarking and disembarking is formulated which is appropriate for the children in care.
Seat belts and restraints	Multiple injuries Burns	H	Children do not undo seat belts or restraints until they are instructed to do so. Supervision of children during travel. Assist children who require help to fasten seat belts and restraints. Appropriate child restraints are fitted in accordance with Queensland Government requirements and instructions are followed correctly. Child restraints which have been involved in an accident are discarded. Children are appropriately restrained while the vehicle is moving. Check buckles are not hot before restraining children. Park in the shade where possible.
Seating of children	Multiple injuries	H	Maximum seating is not exceeded. Children are seated in a restraint appropriate for their age and size. Children sit in the rear seats of the vehicle except when all rear seats are occupied by other children. Only children aged 4 years or older may sit in the front passenger seat with written permission from their parent Educators consider the most appropriate order and method of putting children in the car and fastening restraints.
Other Vehicles/drivers	Multiple Injuries	H	Drivers remain vigilant.

Hot vehicle	Multiple injuries Heat exhaustion dehydration	H	There is direct and constant supervision of all children at all times when travelling in a vehicle. Children are not left in a vehicle without an adult inside or beside the vehicle. The vehicle is Air conditioned and it is used wherever required to ensure the comfort and wellbeing of passengers.
Car door	Multiple Injuries	H	Children do not open doors unless they are instructed to do so. Direct and constant supervision of children getting in and out of vehicle.
Objects inside vehicle	Multiple Injuries	H	Luggage, loose items and heavy objects are placed safely in boot or under seats.
Travel Route	Multiple Injuries Impact to vehicle Breakdown	H	The most direct route is taken and a brief description or travel map is included as part of the transport risk assessment. If the route chosen proves hazardous due to unforeseen circumstances a new route will be taken or the outing will be cancelled.