

3.5 INCIDENT, INJURY, TRAUMA AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF FIRST AID

Definitions:

Incident – an instance of something happening; an event or occurrence.

Injury – harm or damage that is done or sustained.

Trauma – an experience that produces physical or psychological injury or pain.

Illness – unhealthy condition; poor health.

First Aid – the immediate treatment or care given to a person suffering from an injury or illness until more advanced care is provided or the person recovers.

Policy Statement:

Mackay Family Day care Scheme is committed to providing an environment that promotes children's health, safety and wellbeing.

In the event of an incident, injury, trauma or illness, immediate first aid must be provided to the child in care.

Background:

The Education and Care Services National Regulations require approved providers to have policies and procedures in place in relation to the administration of first aid.

Legislative Requirements:

Section/regulation	Description
Section 167	Offence relating to protection of children from harm and hazards.
Regulation 85	Incident, Injury, trauma and illness policy and procedures.
Regulation 86	Notification to parent of incident, injury, trauma and illness.
Regulation 87	Incident, Injury, trauma and illness record.
Regulation 89	First aid kits.
Regulation 90	Medical conditions policy.
Regulation 91	Medical conditions policy to be provided to parents.
Regulation 92	Medication record.
Regulation 93	Administration of medication.
Regulation 94	Exception to authorisation requirement – anaphylaxis or asthma emergency.
Regulation 95	Procedure for administration of medication
Regulation 96	Self-administration of medication.
Regulation 136	First aid qualifications.
Regulation 168	Education and care services must have policies and procedures.
Regulation 170	Policies and procedures must be followed.
Regulation 171	Policies and procedures to be kept available

Procedures:

1. Educators must hold a current, ACECQA approved First Aid, Anaphylaxis and Asthma qualification.
2. Educators must hold a current ACECQA approved CPR qualification.

3. As part of the enrolment process, the parent/guardian must authorise the educator and the scheme to seek emergency medical, hospital or ambulance treatment as well as providing medical attention in the event of illness or accident.
4. Educators are required to:
 - Have an easily identifiable, fully stocked first aid kit which is readily accessible to adults but kept out of reach of children.
 - Have easy access to contact numbers for parents/guardians/emergency contacts of children in care.
5. If a child being educated and cared for by the service becomes ill, is injured or suffers a trauma, the educator must provide appropriate medical attention or assistance to the child.
6. An educator must notify the parent/guardian of the child as soon as practicable, but not later than 24 hours after the occurrence of an incident, injury, trauma or illness.
7. Following any incident, injury, trauma or illness to a child whilst being educated and cared for by a family day care educator, the educator must complete an 'Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness Record' form, providing the pink copy to the parent/guardian or authorised nominee. The white and yellow copies of the form must be sent in to the co-ordination unit.
8. If a child is injured and requires emergency medical attention provided by a registered medical practitioner, the scheme manager must be notified as soon as practicable.
9. If a child is injured and requires emergency medical attention provided by a registered medical practitioner, an educator must complete a Family Day Care Australia Insurance Incident Report.
10. In the event an ambulance is called, if practical, and if appropriate care for the other children is available, the educator will accompany the injured or ill child in the ambulance to the hospital.
11. Co-ordination unit staff, a family member, an educator assistant, or other suitable adult can be asked to provide care for the children, in the event of an emergency, until the children are collected from care.
 - **Suitable Adult:** can be the closest adult available who can provide appropriate care for the children at the time of a medical emergency or other short term incident.
12. In the event an ambulance is called, the educator must inform the child's parent/guardian or authorised nominee that an ambulance has been called, the nature of the emergency, action taken or first aid provided, and the hospital the child was transported to.
13. In the event that an ambulance is called, the educator must inform the co-ordination unit staff that an ambulance has been called, the nature of the emergency, action taken or first aid provided, and hospital the child was transported to.

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2015 June	2016 December 2019 January 2019 December 2021 July 2023 January 2024 August	2020 January 2023 February	2017 July 2018 June 2021 July 2023 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011. • National Quality Standard for Early Childhood Education and Care and School Age Care, 2009