



Sand Pit Policy

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National Regulations

Regs	168	Child safe environment policies and procedures
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Aim

To ensure sand pits are clean and safe for all users.

Related Policies

Occupational Health and Safety Policy

Implementation

In order to ensure our sand pit is always a safe and hygienic place for children to play and learn we will:

- Construct sandpits so that they have adequate drainage.
- Ensure sand is of a depth that can be easily raked over before each use and during the day.
- Rake sand pits every day, undertake visual checks at regular intervals and remove any dangerous or foreign matter such as animal or human faeces and urine which could cause illness or infection in children or educators.
- Remove toys from the sandpit at the end of each day.
- Sanitise sand once a week by pouring Milton over the sand and then raking it through.
- Carefully remove and dispose of any contaminated sand

- Change sand at least annually but preferably every 6 months.
- Use sand that is appropriate for use in sandpits and meets state regulations
- Cover sand pits when they are not in use.
- Ensure children wash their hands with soap and water after playing in the sandpit.
- If sand is contaminated by animal or human faeces, blood or other body fluids remove all children from the sandpit and then:
 - Use a shovel and dispose of the contaminated sand in a plastic bag. Educators will wear suitable protective clothing.
 - Wash remaining sand thoroughly with water then rake Milton through the sand at intervals during the day and leave exposed to the sun.
 - Change sand completely if it is contaminated extensively.

Sources

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011

Education and Care Services National Law (QLD) Act 2011

National Quality Standard

Early Years Learning Framework

Workplace Health and Safety Regulation 2011 (Qld)

Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011 (Qld)

Public Health Regulations 2005 (Qld)

Public Health Act 2005 (Qld)

National Health and Medical Research Council: Staying Healthy, Preventing Infectious Diseases in Early Childhood Education 5th Edition 2013

Review

The policy will be reviewed annually by:

- Management
- Employees
- Families
- Interested Parties

Last reviewed: September 2015

Date for next review: September 2016