

Sun Protection Policy

In Askea Community Childcare Centre the sun protection policy is in place to protect from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun. This policy is to be implemented throughout the year but particularly during the warmer months.

Principle of Sun Protection

This policy is underpinned by the Childcare Act 1991 [Early Years Services] Regulations 2016, Registration of School Age Services 2018, Our Duty to Care 2002 and Children First National Guidelines for the Protection & Welfare of Children

Rationale

Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation in childhood is a major risk factor for developing skin cancer later in life. By implementing a best-practice Sun Protection Policy and practices, Askea Community Childcare Centre can help protect children, staff, C.E. workers and volunteers from UV radiation and teach children good sun protection habits from an early age.

Procedure

To implement the sun protection policy the following procedures are in place:

Management:

1. The service has a responsibility to protect to protect children and will take every precaution to provide protection from the effect of the sun while at play
2. Notices will be displayed on this subject on the parent's information board and outside play rooms

Parent/Guardian:

1. Parents must provide children with hats which protect the face, neck and ears for whenever they are outside especially during summer days
2. Parents must provide children with suitable light clothing to cover shoulders and arms
3. Appropriate SPF 30+ factor sun cream spray bottle will be provided for their child by parents if their child attends for half or full day session. The following will apply:
 - Sun cream will be labelled with child's name and date, when it was opened
 - Sun cream will remain in the service for child's use and will be stored in a cool place and out of reach of children
 - Sun cream will be returned to parent/guardian when container is empty, it has been open for 12 months or child ceases to use the service.
4. If children are attending for the playgroup session parents will be asked to apply sun cream before their children arrive to the service

Children:

1. Children who can, and want to apply their own sun cream will be supervised by staff
2. If a child has no hat he/she must play in the shade or wear a spare sanitised hat if available

3. Water will be available throughout the day and children will be encouraged to stay hydrated

Staff:

1. Staff will apply sun cream to children's exposed skin before children go outside to the outdoor play area
2. Staff will reapply sun cream when needed
3. Staff will practice good hand hygiene as per our Infection Control Policy when applying sun cream
4. Outdoor activities will be scheduled in the shaded areas where possible during really hot days
5. Staff, C.E. workers, students and volunteers are advised to practice self-care sun protection procedures for themselves for outdoor activities

Communication Plan For staff & families

A copy of all policies will be available during all hours of operation to staff members and parents in the Policy Folder located in Reception. Staff members check with parents/guardians that they have read and understood the policy and provide any assistance needed.

Parents may receive a copy of the policy at any time upon request.

Parents and the staff team will receive written notification of any updates.

Related Policies, Procedures and Forms Risk Management Policy

- Health and Safety Policy
- Partnership with Parents Policy
- Key Worker Policy
- Infection Policy

This policy must be observed by:

- Managers
- All staff members
- Parents/Guardians