

PEST CONTROL (Providing a Child Safe Environment)

POLICY STATEMENT

Our Service provides an environment that ensures the safety, health and wellbeing of children at all times. We will provide a clean and safe environment by ensuring that every effort is made to maintain vermin and pest free. We will endeavour to do this with the minimum use of chemicals.

CONSIDERATIONS

Education and Care Services National Regulations	77, 103, 105, 110, 114, 168
National Quality Standard	QA2, QA3, 7.1
Other Service Policies/Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health & Safety policies• Providing a Child Safe Environment policies
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Health & Safety Act 2011

PROCEDURE

- Equipment and especially food items will be properly stored so as not to attract pests and vermin.
- Rubbish bins and disposal areas will be emptied and cleaned daily.
- Kitchen, food preparation areas and storage will be cleaned and maintained daily.
- All areas will be checked daily for any signs of pests or vermin.
- Should any pests or vermin be identified then action should be taken to rid the service of the problem by:
 - Initially using non-chemical methods such as physical removal, maintaining a clean environment, and use of any non-chemical products.
 - Low irritant, environmentally friendly sprays to be used minimally and only with adequate ventilation and preferably not in the presence of the children.
 - Other methods such as the employment of a pest control company if deemed necessary by management where the above methods have failed.
- If urgent, the Nominated Supervisor/Directors may obtain a contractor from management list to address the problem.
- If non urgent, the Nominated Supervisor/Directors will bring the problem to the attention of management in their report and will decide on the appropriate course of action.

- All families will be notified of any use of chemicals (MSDS sheets can be provided upon request).
- Any use of chemical products should only be conducted outside the hours of the children and educators' presence in the building.
- All action will be taken to remove the children, educators, families and visitors from the environment for as long as is safe and viable.