

PUTNEY PLAYGROUNDS SAND PIT POLICY

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QA2	2.3.2	Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and any hazard likely to cause injury.
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National Regulations

Reg s	168	Child safe environment policies and procedures
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To ensure sand pits are clean and safe for all users.

Related Policies

Animal and Pet Policy

Chemical Spills Policy

Incident, Injury, Illness or Trauma Policy

Physical Activity Promotion Policy

Physical Environment (Workplace Safety, Learning and Administration) Policy

Staffing Arrangements 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 at regular intervals each day 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.
- ≡ Wash the sandpit regularly with tap water if it is not regularly washed by the rain
- ≡ Remove toys from the sandpit at the end of each day.

- ≡ Regularly sanitise sand by raking salt thoroughly through the sand.
- ≡ Carefully remove and dispose of any contaminated sand.
- ≡ Change sand annually.
- ≡ 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 salt 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

National Quality Standard

Early Years Learning Framework

Work Health and Safety Act 2011 NSW

Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011 NSW

National Health and Medical Research Council: Preventing Infectious Diseases in Childcare 2005

Health and Safety in Family Day Care 2003 UNSW

Review

The policy will be reviewed annually by:

- ≡ Management
- ≡ Employees
- ≡ Families

Last reviewed: July 2012

Date for next review: July 2013