



Building Bricks Child Care

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Policy for Accidents, Illness and Emergencies.

This policy explains our commitment to providing the children in our care with the appropriate treatment and First Aid if an accident or emergency occurs or if a child is taken ill. We recognise that we are responsible and that it is a legal requirement to seek emergency medical treatment and services if necessary. We are also committed to protecting children from the spread of illness and infectious diseases.

As registered childminders we are legally required by Ofsted to hold current Paediatric First Aid certificates which we renew every 3 years. Our premises are checked to ensure they meet national standards. Reviewing, updating and practising safety routines are built into our everyday practice to prevent accidents wherever possible.

Our training enables us to carry out first aid treatment and our first aid box is clearly labelled, easily accessible in the hall and filled with the appropriate items according to national guidelines. All parents and carers are asked to sign an accident and emergency treatment consent form so that we can administer first aid if it is required.

Procedure

Despite taking every measure to protect our children from harm, minor injuries and accidents do happen. If there is an accident, we will comfort and reassure the child while making sure other children in our care are kept safe and calm. We will assess the extent of the injury and either give first aid treatment or if necessary call for medical support or ambulance. As soon as possible, we will inform you or contact your emergency number so that you can respond according to the level of injury. After every incident, it is our responsibility to record the accident in the Accident Book and ask you to sign the report.

In order to seek emergency treatment in the case of a major accident, we require parents to fill in a consent form. We will endeavour to provide first aid

as far as reasonably possible but it may be necessary to call for the emergency services. If we have to accompany a child to hospital, then your child will be cared for at our setting by our emergency back-up cover. This person will be known to you. If it is your child that needs emergency treatment in hospital, then we will inform you as soon as possible. We will record the accident in our Accident Book and ask you to sign that you have read our report.

In the case of a serious accident Ofsted will be notified within 14 days and the Local Safeguarding Children Board informed. Any advice given by these agencies will be taken seriously and acted upon immediately. We will also inform our Insurance Company. It may also be necessary to inform RIDDOR which is a legal requirement to report injuries, diseases and dangerous occurrences in the working environment.

If we have an accident, then the nearest responsible adult will be asked to help while our emergency back-up people are being contacted. We will endeavour at all times to make sure that all the children in our care, are kept safe, reassured and calm.

There may be occasions when a child becomes ill whilst in our care. If this occurs, then we will make them as comfortable as possible, while trying to prevent cross-infection to the other children. We will contact you immediately should this happen and we will continue to care for your child until you arrive. Confirmation of a notifiable disease will be reported to Public health Authority and Ofsted.

Medicines either 'over the counter' or prescribed cannot be administered without prior written consent forms.

We will not accept an unwell child who may present infection or hygiene issues towards other children in our care and any child suffering from sickness and or diarrhoea must be clear for 24 hours before returning to the childminding setting.

If we are ill and cannot work, we will inform you as soon as possible and will also let you know if any member of our household is unwell.