



Allergy & Anaphylaxis Management Policy

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention. Anaphylaxis is a generalised allergic reaction, which often involves more than one body system (e.g. skin, respiratory, gastro-intestinal and cardiovascular). A severe allergic reaction or anaphylaxis usually occurs within 20 minutes to 2 hours of exposure to the trigger and can rapidly become life threatening.

Kirton Point Children's Centre will provide a safe environment for all children and take action to manage children who have been diagnosed with, or are at risk of, anaphylaxis.

To reduce the risk to children who have been diagnosed as at risk of anaphylaxis, no nuts (including peanuts), nut-based products or foods in which nuts are an ingredient, are to be brought to the Children's Centre, including in lunch boxes or shared food. This applies across all activities that occur within the Centre.

Every child/student with anaphylaxis will have an allergy care plan, provided upon enrolment. Staff will work closely with families to arrange worksite education and action plans to minimise the risk to the child. Photographs of children/staff members with severe allergies will be displayed so that all staff are aware.

When nut products are brought in the Centre, staff will ensure that the food is not accessible or consumed. Alternative foods will be supplied where necessary.

First aid will be administered by trained staff, where required, following the First Aid Guide for Anaphylaxis (severe allergy) as displayed throughout the Centre.

Implementation of this policy should be supported and guided by the information provided on the Department of Education and Child Development website:

<http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/speced2/default.asp?navgrp=health&id=allergyAndAnaphylaxis>

National Quality Framework Regulation 136 (1): The approved provider of a centre-based service must ensure that the following persons are in attendance at any place where children are being educated and cared for by the service, and immediately available in an emergency, at all times that children are being educated and cared for by that service: (c) at least one educator who has undertaken current approved anaphylaxis management training.

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS: Quality Area 2: Children's Health & Safety

Element 2.1.4: Steps are taken to control the spread of infectious diseases and to manage injuries and illness in accordance with recognised guidelines.

Element 2.3.2: Reasonable steps are taken to identify and manage risks, and every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and hazards.

This Policy should be read in conjunction with the site Healthy Eating Policy.

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