



Nature Alliance Family Day Care Service

Excursions & Regular Outings



THE POLICY IN THIS SECTION IS REQUIRED IN

Education and Care Services National Law (WA) Act 2012: Section 3(2)(a); 165; 165A; 167; 169; 174(2)

Education and Care Services National Regulations, 2012 – 'Regulations':99; 100, 101; 102 (1)(3)(4)(5); 136

POLICY:

Nature Alliance FDC must ensure that Educators have in place Risk Assessments and Parent Authorisations in relation to excursions or regular outings as defined in the definitions, including procedures complying with regulations 100 to 102 of the Education and Care National Regulations.

Nature Alliance FDC Service endeavours to embed the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations in all practices and promotes a culture of safety and wellbeing to minimise the risk of harm to children.

SCOPE:

This Policy applies to Nature Alliance Family Day Care Service, Nature Alliance Family Day Care Educators and families.

PROCEDURE: EXCURSIONS / REGULAR OUTINGS

Refer to the definition of an Excursion and Regular Outing as provided in the Definitions section in the front of Education and Care National Regulations 2012.

1. Prior to the transportation of any children, a Transport of Children in Own Vehicle Risk Assessment and Management Plan must be completed by the Educator and sighted and signed by Nature Alliance FDC Staff. This risk assessment covers all transportation in the vehicle listed and must be read in conjunction with all risk assessment that involve the use of this vehicle. This document must be made available to all parents.
2. The Excursion Risk Assessment and Management Plan must be completed by the Educator prior to seeking authorisation from the parent for the excursion.
3. The Excursion-Incursion Risk Management Plan must be sent to Nature Alliance for signature at least 72-hours prior to the excursion taking place. This will be checked, amendments suggested (if applicable), and the document resubmitted by the Educator if amendments have been made. Once sighted and signed by the Service, a copy of the document will be returned to the Educator.
4. Excursions and the associated Risk Assessments will be discussed with and sighted by parents at the time of enrolment and the Parent Authorisation Form will be signed by parents if they agree to the proposed outings. A copy of the signed Parent Authorisation Form must be sent to the office with the enrolment form.
5. If new excursion destinations are added, the Parent Authorisation Form must be updated and signed by parent/guardian prior to any excursions taking place.
6. Educators will notify parents and the Service prior to any excursion other than the regular drop off or collection of children to or from school or kindergarten.
7. Educators will notify the Service of their regular excursions via a schedule or email to Nature Alliance or text to their support person to ensure that the service knows of their whereabouts at all times.
8. In the event of changed circumstances to the assessed risks for the excursion, an amendment to the Excursion Risk Assessment Plan must be completed.

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9. The Excursion Risk Management Plan will be reviewed annually and updated by the Educator and Nature Alliance staff. The Parent Authorisation Form will be reviewed annually and updated by the Educator and signed by parents. All reviewed/updated documents must be sent through to Nature Alliance.
10. The Excursion Risk Assessment Plan and the Parent Authorisation Form must be kept until the end of three years after the date on which the record was made.
11. Details of all children attending the excursion will be available in written format for emergency service personal should they be required.
12. First Aid supplies and any Medical Plans must be taken on all excursions.

PROCEDURE FOR EXCURSIONS TO ANOTHER EDUCATOR’S PREMISES AND HOST EDUCATOR’S RESPONSIBILITIES

Host Educator:

1. Prior to the planned incursion an Incursion Risk Assessment must be completed by the host educator.
2. Prior to the planned incursion, the host Educator must ensure that the daily environmental checklist is completed.
3. As the visiting Educator/s arrive, the visitor’s record will be signed and discussions about duties, supervision and responsibilities will occur.
4. Ensure all unregistered areas are inaccessible to visiting children and all exits from the venue are locked.

Visiting Educator:

1. On arrival at the premises, the visiting Educator will sign the visitor record, discuss activities, supervision and responsibilities for the duration of the incursion.
2. The Excursion Risk Assessment Plan and Parent Authorisation form must be completed prior to the excursion taking place.

PROCEDURE FOR EXCURSIONS WHERE THERE IS A WATER BODY

This could include, but not limited to: - swimming pools, the beach, rivers, lakes, ponds or puddles.

1. Check your Risk Assessment to ensure that information is current and seasonal changes have been considered.
2. Ensure children have suitable clothing and footwear, including a change of clothes.
3. Brief children about the excursion, your expectations and the risks involved.
4. Always stay within sight of all children and explain to children that they need to be able to see you.
5. Consider taking a volunteer with you to assist with the supervision.

Linking policy:

1.3 Policy: Water Safety

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

To implement this Policy, refer to:

NA-FRM-0018 Excursion Risk Assessment Plan

NA-FRM-0018 Excursion Incursion Risk Management Plan

NA-FRM-0018A Transport or Children in Own Vehicle Risk Assessment

NA-FRM-0017 Parent Authorisation Form

Source:

Childcare Desktop

National Principals of Child Safe Organisations

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