

POLICY

POLICY 27: TOBACCO SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT

OVERARCHING PERSPECTIVE:

Perspective: Quality Services
Policy: Services and Programs

POLICY:

All children placed in Our Village Family Childcare Service are provided with a smoke free environment at all times whilst in care in accordance with the Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011, part 4.2 Children's health and safety, regulation 82 (2).

Educators should be aware of the penalty that could be imposed under the regulations and the legal implications of not providing a smoke free environment in the family childcare residence and/or car used for children whilst in their care.

Passive smoking is harmful to the health of children. Also, children's learning and own behaviour is influenced by the behaviour of the adults they interact with.

SCOPE:

This document applies to all Educators, Families, Coordination Unit Staff, Volunteers and Students of Our Village Family Childcare Service.

RATIONALE:

As passive smoking (second and third hand smoke) is harmful to the health of children, Our Village Family Childcare Service provide all children placed in the service with a smoke free environment at all times whilst in care, including whilst undertaking any outings.

PROCESS:

- All persons involved in Our Village Family Childcare will refrain from smoking during hours of operation
- The coordination unit office and play area are a smoke free environment
- All vehicles used for transport will be smoke free at all times when registered for use in the service
- Children registered in the service are to be actively removed from any environment where smoking is occurring.

PERSONS

Includes, all persons involved in the service, anyone who enters the coordination unit office, registered Educator's home or any other building or grounds where family childcare activities are taking place;

- Educators, Coordination Unit staff members, members of the Educators family, parents of the child placed in education and care and any additional visitors who enter the registered Educator's residence.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Includes all hours of operation for Our Village Family Childcare Service, that is:

- Coordination unit office hours
- A registered Educator's residence at any hour of the day or night when a child or children registered with the service is in attendance.

VEHICLES

Includes Educator's vehicles and SCH vehicles used to transport children registered with the service.

OFFICIAL SERVICE FUNCTIONS

All functions held in the name of the service and including any activity, meetings, play sessions, training sessions or the like.

ANY ENVIRONMENT

Any environment where smoking occurs means and includes any environment which is not under the direct control of the service.

ACTIVELY REMOVED

Actively removed means that Educators will at all times seek out smoke free environments and endeavour to remove registered children from the vicinity where smoking is occurring as soon as possible.

APPENDIX:

Sunbury Community Health . Smoke Free Environment Procedure

DEFINITIONS:

Second Hand Smoke: Secondhand smoke comes from both the smoke that smoker's exhale (called mainstream smoke) and the smoke floating from the end of the cigarette, cigar, or pipe (called side stream smoke).

Third Hand Smoke: Third-hand smoke is a term used to describe the particles and gases that remain after a cigarette is extinguished. These particles land and remain on virtually any surface in an area where someone has smoked; on clothes, in hair, on furniture and on flooring.

REFERENCES:

Education and Care Services National Regulations, 2011

Cancer Council of Victoria - <http://www.cancervic.org.au>

SIDS for kids - www.sidsandkids.org


http://kidshealth.org/teen/drug_alcohol/tobacco/secondhand_smoke.html#a_What_Is_Secondhand_Smoke

<http://lungcancer.about.com/od/Lung-Cancer-And-Smoking/a/Third-Hand-Smoke.htm>

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

Excursions Policy - 16
Occupational Health and Safety - 28
Visitors to the FDC Residences and Venues - 47
(SCH) Smoke Free Environment Procedure
(SCH) Duty of Care Policy

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