

Eastford Readiness Council

Indoor Environmental Safety Policy

A fully equipped First Aid kit will be readily available to the staff at all times. This kit should be used for minor first aid needs. The program will utilize the school nurse for needs not able to be met with this kit.

Toys that have been in contact with the child's mouth or other bodily fluids will be washed by hand using water and "Green Cleaning" detergent, then rinsed, sanitized and air dried or washed and dried in a mechanical dishwasher before it can be used by another child.

The routine frequency of cleaning and sanitizing all surfaces in the facility is performed according to the NAEYC Cleaning and Sanitation Frequency Table. Ventilation and sanitation, rather than sprays, fresheners and deodorizers will be used to control odors.

If at any time there are climbers, slides or other play units indoors, proper safety surfacing will be utilized within the fall zone as recommended by the manufacturer. All furnishings (such as lofts) are constructed to prevent falls using appropriate barriers or safety surfacing in the fall zone.

Indoor large motor skill activity equipment will meet the national safety standards and have the same level of supervision as outdoor equipment.

Every effort is made to protect adults and children from hazards including electrical shock, burns or scalding, slipping, tripping or falling. Floor coverings will be secured to prevent tripping.

Areas that are scheduled to be painted, carpeted, tiled or otherwise renovated are to be done during school vacations. If this is not possible, the children will not be present during the renovation and the area will be properly ventilated before the program uses them.

Areas used by staff or children who have allergies to dust mites or to components of furnishings or supplies, are maintained by the program according to the recommendations of health professionals.

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The program maintains facilities so they are free from harmful animals, insects, pests and poisonous plants. Pesticides and herbicides, if used, are applied according to the manufacturer's instructions when children are not at the facility and in a manner that prevents any exposure to children such as skin contact or inhalation.

Whenever possible, the least hazardous means are used to control unwanted animals or plants.

A thermometer will be located in the classroom to indicate the temperature of the room is being maintained at a suitable temperature for facilities that are utilized by children.