

Health and Safety Assessments

Latest Update re Health and Safety Assessments for new Early Childhood Centres and those undergoing relicensing.

As you will be aware through the Ministry of Educations Licensing Criteria there have been a number of additions/changes to requirements. In respect of your health report these are some of the changes:

1. Laundry Procedure (Criteria HS2). This requires a written procedure for the hygienic laundering of linen used by children or adults whether the laundering is carried on on-site or off-site. The procedure should consider the following:
 - How does the service wash and dry laundry. All washing must be done in hot water with an adequate amount laundry detergent.
 - How dirty linen is stored
 - Washing different types of laundry separately for example kitchen and bed linen.
 - How often are different materials washed for example cleaning clothes, clothing used in dress ups, face clothes, soft toys.
2. Plumbed-in body wash facilities are required for all new centres to comply with the Building Act 2004 including the building code. Services that are renovating may be required by territorial authorities to have plumbed-in wash facilities to meet the requirements of the building code – G1.3.1 requires the minimum of a bath. Seek advice from you district or local council. **All** services must provide a procedure outlining how hygiene and infection control will be met with washing sick or soiled children (Criteria PF26). The procedure should be attached to a wall in an appropriate and visible location. The procedure should include:
 - Use of disposable gloves for the staff
 - Use of a disposable cloth to clean the child
 - Use of an appropriate bucket/tub for those with non plumbed-in facilities
 - A system of providing warm water for cleaning down children for those services with non plumbed-in facilities. Some form of hose type connection which provides a permanent supply of warm water would be preferable.
 - A means of drying the child down

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- Safe disposal of wastewater down an appropriate waste system for example the toilet for those with non plumbed- in facilities
 - Cleaning of the bucket/tub/shower area with clean water and appropriate cleaning agent.
3. Disease and Prevention Control. Health and Safety practices (criteria HS26) require that all practicable steps are taken to ensure that children do not come into contact with any person (adult or child) on the premise who is suffering from a disease or condition likely to be passed onto the children. Community and Public Health require a Staff Sickness Policy. This could be incorporated into the child policy or be a separate policy. It should state those diseases/conditions requiring exclusion and recommended exclusion periods (being the same as those stated in the children's infectious disease policy) and basis for return to work.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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