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Registered Charity No. 1152188

Health and Safety

27. First Aid.

Policy statement

In our setting staff can take action to apply first aid treatment in the event of an accident involving a child/young person or adult. At least one member of staff with current first aid training is on the premises or on an outing at any one time. The first aid qualification includes first aid training for infants and young children.

Procedures

There is no mandatory list of items to include in a first aid box, the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 and the HSE ACOP provides a list of the minimum recommended items:

- A leaflet giving general advice on first aid.
- 20 individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings (hypo-allergenic plasters can be provided if necessary)
- 2 sterile eye pads.
- 4 individually wrapped triangular bandages
- 6 safety pins
- 6 medium-sized individually wrapped sterile un-medicated wound dressings
- 1 pair of disposable gloves.

In addition to the first aid equipment list above our box may also contain:

- Round ended scissors
- Finger dressings x 10
- Sterile wipes
- A resuscitation face shield
- A roll of hypo-allergenic tape
- Hypo-allergenic cover adhesive dressing
- A plastic disposable apron
- A children's forehead 'strip' thermometer

The first aid box is easily accessible to adults and is kept out of the reach of children.

No un-prescribed medication is given to children/young people, parents/carers or staff.

At the time of admission to the setting, parents'/carers' written permission for emergency medical advice or treatment is sought. Parents/Carers sign and date their written approval.

Parents/Carers sign a consent form at registration allowing staff to take their child/young person to the nearest Accident and Emergency unit to be examined, treated or admitted as necessary on the understanding that parents/carers have been informed and are on their way to the hospital.

Legal framework

Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations (1981)

Health and Safety Executive Approved Code of Practice (HSE ACOP) including 2024 update.

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Signed on behalf of the management committee

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