

FACILITIES - STORAGE

POLICY

Correct storage of all hazardous materials is necessary to ensure children's safety. All chemicals must be stored in original containers and out of reach of children.

To ensure that children develop a sense of caring for their individual belongings and in acknowledgment of the right to individual space and privacy, it is necessary that children have access to a space for storage of their personal belongings.

Provision within children's play areas of open storage of a height suitable to children enables them to see, choose, and independently access equipment without the assistance of an adult.

PROCEDURE

1. The Family Day Care home shall have storage facilities which are secure and inaccessible to children for cleaning materials, disinfectants, poisons, tools, toiletries, first aid equipment and other dangerous, flammable and hazardous substances.
2. Children shall have independent access to toys, books and equipment suitable to their development and needs and which are culturally appropriate.
3. Each child shall have access to a space for storage of their personal belongings.

Source: Mt Alexander FDC - Handbook
Carer Agreement
National Law Regulations and Standards Guide
"Staying Healthy in Childcare", 3rd Edition, NHMRC
Advice from Environmental Health Dept, Shire of Mt Alexander.

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