

HEALTH & SAFETY - DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES/ITEMS

POLICY

There are many household substance that may pose a threat to young children, either through injury or poisoning. Many of these are contained in bright attractive packages, or resemble things a child may perceive as a toy, such as a gun or cigarette lighter. It is therefore important that Educators are vigilant in ensuring these items are always stored in a safe place out of access to children.

PROCEDURE

1. The telephone number for the Poisons Information service must be kept near the phone/s.
2. All poisons and toxic material must be stored in original containers and kept out of reach of children.
3. All flammable liquids are to be stored in containers correctly labelled and designed for the storage of flammable liquids, and kept out of reach of children.
4. All insecticides are to be limited in their use and used only according to manufacturer's instructions.
5. Matches, lighters and explosive substances are to be kept out of reach of children.
6. All sharp pointed and jagged objects, including kitchen utensils, are to be made inaccessible to children.
7. All firearms must be licensed and stored, unloaded, in a locked cupboard separately from ammunition, in accordance with the Firearms Act.

Source: Mt Alexander FDC handbook
National Law, Regulations and Standards (ACECQA 2011)
Kidsafe Guidelines
Advice from Shire of Mount Alexander Environmental Health Dept

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