

**HEALTH & SAFETY -
HEATERS & COOLERS / APPLIANCES / HOT LIQUIDS**

POLICY

Educators must be aware of the hazards associated with hot appliances and hot liquids and children should be closely supervised when these are in use.

The provision of safety mechanisms around heating and cooling units is necessary to ensure the safety of children.

PROCEDURE

1. All heating and cooling units must be adequately secured and fitted with guards to prevent injury to children through contact with hot surfaces or moving parts and the emission of any sparks or flames.
2. Portable kerosene heaters are not to be used and are to be kept out of reach whilst FDC children are in care.
3. Any equipment that is a hazard (ie. stoves, electrical appliances) must be located out of reach of children or have the controls guarded to prevent children's access.
4. Fans in all rooms must be inaccessible to children.
5. Hot water temperature should comply with current recommendations (not more than 50°C) and close supervision must occur around hot water at all times.
6. Containers of hot liquids (ie. tea/coffee cups, jugs/kettles) are to be kept out of reach of children.

Source: Mt Alexander FDC handbook
National Law, Regulations and Standards (ACECQA 2011)
"Kidsafe" Guidelines

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