

## HEALTH & SAFETY - OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT

### **POLICY**

Attention to the safety of equipment used by children does not eliminate the need for effective supervision of children, for example, when they are playing on swings or trampolines.

#### Risks include:

1. inappropriate surfaces under or around the equipment.
2. inappropriate height of the equipment.
3. lack of stability of equipment.
4. the likelihood that a child can be trapped, pinched, crushed or struck.
5. sharp or rough edges and projections or rust.

### **PROCEDURE**

1. Children are to be constantly supervised whilst using outdoor play equipment.
2. All outdoor play equipment at the FDC home must comply with Australian Standards.
3. Play equipment on which a child could climb and fall more than 2 metres is to be placed on an energy absorbing surface (200mm coverage).
4. Trampolines are to include protective padding covering the frame and springs and Educators must enforce a rule of not more than one child to be jumping on the trampoline at any time.
5. All equipment is to be securely fixed and not contain sharp, jagged or protruding pieces.
6. All play equipment is to be adequately maintained.
7. Sandpits shall be fitted with covers to prevent animals gaining access.