

COONARA EARLY LEARNING CENTRE POLICY NO: 51

CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER DECLARED DAYS

Coonara Early Centre is located in an area that considered at some risk from grassfire, also known as Category 4.

Coonara Community House is committed to minimising the potential risk of harm to children in the Early Learning Centre during declared catastrophic fire risk conditions.

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD (NQS)

QUALITY AREA 2: CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY		
2.2.1	Supervision	At all times, reasonable precautions and adequate supervision ensure children are protected from harm and hazard.
2.2	Safety	Each child is protected.
2.2.2	Incident and emergency	Plans to effectively manage incidents and emergencies are developed in consultation with relevant authorities, practiced and implemented.

QUALITY AREA 7: GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP		
7.1.2	Management Systems	Systems are in place to manage risk and enable the effective management and operation of a quality service.

EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES NATIONAL LAW AND REGULATIONS	
12	Meaning of serious incident
51	Conditions on service approval (safety, health and wellbeing of children)
89	First Aid Kits
93	Administration of medication
97	Emergency and evacuation procedures
98	Telephone or other communication equipment
168(2)(e)	Policies and procedures are required in relation to: Emergency and evacuation
168	Education and care services must have policies and procedures
170	Policies and procedures are to be followed

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RELATED POLICIES

Administration of First Aid Policy Emergency and Evacuation Policy Family Communication Policy Health and Safety Policy	Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness Policy Supervision Policy Work, Health and Safety Policy
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SCOPE

This policy applies to children, families, staff, educators, management, approved provider, nominated supervisor, students, volunteers and visitors of the Service.

IMPLEMENTATION

- **On days of declared Catastrophic fire risk the Early Learning Centre will be closed.**
- During the fire season, all staff are to take responsibility for ensuring fire danger safety awareness as part of their duty of care
- On days of extreme heat but not declared Catastrophic or Extreme Fire Risk days, in accordance with our duty of care and our Sun Protection Policy, staff will ensure that children are protected from the effects of exposure to the sun and extreme heat, utilising shade, sunscreen, protective clothing and frequent fluids.
- The cooperation of parents is expected with the provision of appropriate clothing, wide brim hats, sunscreen (both applied and provided) and water bottles.

Fees will be refunded or transferred in full for days that have been declared Catastrophic fire danger days

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT/REFLECTION

Our *Catastrophic Fire Danger Declared Days* policy will be reviewed on an annual basis in consultation with children, families, staff, educators and management.

REVIEW

POLICY REVIEWED BY	Carol Czaplowski	Nominated Supervisor	
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