

## B-6 Pest Control

### National Quality Standards (NQS)

2.1.2	Effective illness and injury management and hygiene practices are promoted and implemented.
2.2.1	At all times, reasonable precautions and adequate supervision ensure children are protected from harm and hazard
3.1.2	Premises, furniture and equipment are safe, clean and well maintained.
3.2.3	The service cares for the environment and supports children to become environmentally responsible.
7.1.2	Systems are in place to manage risk and enable the effective management and operation of a quality service.
7.1.3	Roles and responsibilities are clearly defined, and understood, and support effective decision making and operation of the service

### Education and Care Services National Regulations

Reg. 77	Health, hygiene and safe food practices
Reg. 103	Premises, furniture and equipment to be safe, clean and in good repair
Reg. 110	Ventilation and natural light
Reg. 168	Education and care service must have policies and procedures

### Policy Statement

We aim to provide a clean and safe environment by ensuring that every effort is made to maintain a vermin and pest free Centre. We will endeavour to do this with the minimum use of chemicals.

### Related Policies

- Building Equipment Repairs and Maintenance Policy
- Environmental Sustainability Policy
- Facility Management and Security Policy
- Food and Nutrition Policy
- Hazardous Materials Policy
- Heating, Ventilation and Lighting Policy
- Hygiene Policy
- Indoor and Outdoor Environment Policy
- Role of Management Committee Policy
- Storage Policy
- Work Health and Safety Policy

## Procedure

Equipment and food items will be properly stored so as not to attract pests and vermin.

Kitchen and food preparation areas and storage will be cleaned and maintained daily. Garbage bins and disposal areas will be emptied and cleaned daily.

All areas will be checked daily for any signs of pests or vermin. Should any pests or vermin be identified then action will be taken to rid the Centre of the problem by:

- Initially using non-chemical methods such as physical removal, maintain a clean environment, and use of any non-chemical products.
- Low irritant, environmentally friendly sprays to be used minimally and only with adequate ventilation and not in the presence of the children.
- Other methods such as the employment of a pest control company, if deemed necessary by Management, where the above methods have failed.

If urgent, the Director may obtain a contractor immediately to address the problem.

If non urgent, the Director will bring the problem to the attention of the Management Committee in their report and the Committee will decide on the appropriate course of action.

All parents will be notified of any use of chemicals.

Any use of chemical products should only be conducted outside the hours of children and staff presence in the building.

All action will be taken to remove the children, staff and parents from the environment for as long as is safe and viable.

## Sources

- Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
- National Quality Standard – Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011

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