



Victor Harbor Community Kindergarten

QUALITY AREA 2: CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY

European wasp and bee procedure

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide strategies to minimise the potential hazards associated with European wasps.

Strategies for Prevention

1. At fruit time and lunchtime, the children will eat inside when wasps/bees are prevalent.
2. In summer months, staff will minimise outside water play when wasps/bees are prevalent.
3. Staff will ensure compost bins are firmly closed and not emitting a strong smell.
4. Staff will educate the children about European wasps/bees through stories and discussions.
5. Utilise the 'Invacuation' practice to alert children to the potential danger of European wasps/bees.
6. Encourage children to identify wasps/bees and alert staff when wasps/bees are present.
7. Staff will emphasise to children the importance of informing a staff member if they have been stung.
8. Staff will ensure children are wearing appropriate footwear at all times, with the exception being the sandpit.
9. Staff will alert parents / caregivers to the presence of wasps at the centre.
10. Staff will check with the local Council if nest have recently been located.
11. Staff will notify the Council if they feel there may be nests located across the road at the river.
12. If wasps/bees are swarming, staff with contact a local pest controller to seek assistance.

First Aid Procedures

Please note: Children's health information must be kept up to date to prevent the risk of allergic reactions occurring.

1. If a child has been stung, staff will apply an ice pack to the bite area.
2. Staff will notify the parent / caregiver.
3. If swelling or a suspected allergic reaction is detected, staff will seek immediate medical advice.
4. Follow child's ASCIA anaphylaxis plan if they are allergic to bees/wasps
5. Fill out incident/injury trauma form

Sources

Quality Area 2: Children's Health and Safety, Quality Area 3 Physical Environment
Department for Education – Support children with anaphylaxis and severe allergies

Legislation Requirements

- Regulation 167 Harm and Hazards
- Regulation 87, 183

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