

SUN SAFETY POLICY

REED are committed to providing children with a safe environment that provides shade and other sun protection to support their learning and opportunities for outdoor play.

PURPOSE

By implementing a 'best practice' Sun Safe Policy, REED aims to protect children and staff from harmful UV radiation and instil good sun protection habits from an early age. The policy ensures that outdoor environments provide adequate shade to minimise UV exposure and offers guidance on protecting against severe hot weather events.

SCOPE

This policy applies to the Approved Provider, Nominated Supervisors, Educators, Staff, students, volunteers, children and Families.

EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES NATIONAL LAW AND REGULATIONS (WA)

S. 167	Offence relating to protection of children from harm and hazard	R.168	Education and care service must have policies and procedures
R.100	Risk assessment must be conducted before excursions	R.168 (2)(a)(ii)	Sun Protection
R.113	Outdoor space natural environment	R. 170	Policies and procedures to be followed
R.114	Outdoor space shade	R.171	Policies and procedures to be kept available
R.136	First aid qualifications		

THE APPROVED PROVIDER WILL ENSURE:

Obligations under the Education and Care National Law and Regulations are met, sufficient shade is provided, and resources are available for educators to role model sun safe practices.

NOMINATED SUPERVISOR WILL ENSURE:

All staff are aware of sun safe measures in alignment with the policy and procedure. Risk assessments are developed and implemented to identify potential hazards such as hot equipment, surfaces, sunburn, dehydration, and severe heat. Control measures are monitored and reviewed as necessary. Adequate shade is available and promoted. Families are provided with sun safety information.

EDUCATORS AND OTHER STAFF WILL:

Implement control measures to mitigate risks, including but not limited to sunscreen, surface checks, thermometer's, shade audits, monitoring of severe weather conditions. They will model sun safe practices by wearing sun-safe hats and clothing, applying SPF50+ sunscreen 20 minutes before outdoor activities, encouraging play in shaded spaces and integrate sun safe learning into educational programs. They will encourage regular water intake, adapt learning environments during severe weather, and monitor UV Index levels. Sun safe information will be shared with staff, families, and visitors.

FAMILIES WILL:

Provide permission for educators to apply sunscreen to their children. Should families not provide permission for educators to apply sunscreen to their child, their child will be required to play in an

area protected from the sun. Additionally, they will provide hats and sun safe clothing for their children.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

RESOURCES	POLICIES	PROCEDURES
Sunscreen Application Record Daily Playground Surface Check	Administration of First Aid Policy Emergency and Evacuation Policy Enrolment Policy Excursion/Incursion Policy Health and Safety Policy Physical Environment Policy Water Safety Policy Work Health and Safety Policy	Sun Safety Procedure

SOURCE

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REVIEW

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