

Bike Safety Policy

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QA2	2.2.2	Physical activity is promoted through planned and spontaneous experiences and is appropriate for each child.
	2.3.2	Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and any hazard likely to cause injury.

QA3	3.1.1	Outdoor and indoor spaces, buildings, furniture, equipment, facilities and resources are suitable for their purpose
	3.1.2	Premises, furniture and equipment are safe, clean and well maintained.
	3.2.2	Resources, materials and equipment are sufficient in number, organised in ways that ensure appropriate and effective implementation of the program and allow for multiple uses

My Time, Our Place

LO3	3.2	Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing
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Aim

To ensure all children can participate safely in bike riding activities that promote physical activity, learning through play and collaboration with peers.

Related Policies

Physical Activity Promotion Policy

Physical Environment (Workplace Safety, learning and Administration) Policy

Implementation

The Nominated Supervisor may consider the following issues if planning bike tracks or using existing tracks or other areas for bike riding:

- locate away from main traffic areas at the service or spaces designed for restful or creative activities
- grade so children can move easily along track or through area
- include materials of different textures so children experience different vibration and sounds
- include challenging elements like hills, mounds and speed humps if these are appropriate for the age of the children at the service
- make from materials least likely to absorb and retain heat

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- preferably cover with a shade structure or shady tree
- consider including road features which may reinforce road safety such as line markings, pedestrian crossings, stop and give way signs, traffic lights
- promote features petrol stations, bus stops and gardens to encourage role play and collaborative learning
- if planning or implementing a bike track, make 1200-1500 mm wide, have 1000 mm free space beside it and edge , for example with rounded bricks or concrete.

Bikes

The Nominated Supervisor will ensure:

- bikes at the service are suitable for the ages of children at the service
- comply with AS/NSZ 1927
- are regularly inspected and maintained

Safety Assessment and Education

Before children can ride bikes at the service:

- the Nominated Supervisor will conduct a risk assessment to plan how bikes can be used safely in different locations at the service and take action to eliminate or minimise risk to children from bike riding
- the Nominated Supervisor will induct educators and staff in the safe use of bikes
- educators will:
 - teach children how to ride the bikes
 - teach children the bike safety rules
 - discuss bike safety behaviours and their expectations for consistent safe riding at the service

When children are riding bikes educators will ensure all children follow the bike safety rules consistently.

Bike safety rules

- all bikes are ridden in one direction only
- different age groups will ride in different places or at different times insert service arrangements
- all children wear properly fitting helmets that comply with AS/NSZ 2063
 - helmet can't be moved around on the head
 - chinstrap fastened firmly and not twisted
 - straps join in a 'V' just below the ears
 - helmets replaced after an impact or accident, or if materials split or deteriorate
 - sunhats worn under helmets in accordance with sun safe policy

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- no child can ride a bike if an educator is not supervising them
- no child can collide with a stationary bike or one being ridden by a child
- children can only overtake other children if it is safe
- children who have finished riding must park their bike in the parking bay

Sources

National Quality Standard

Early Years Learning Framework

Kidsafe NSW - Bike tracks

NSW Transport – Safety on wheels

Review

The policy will be reviewed annually by:

- Management
- Employees
- Families
- Interested Parties

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