

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS SAMPLE POLICY

Policy statement:

I keep children safe when they are in my care.

Procedure:

In order to do this, I will ensure that neither I, nor anyone else who has contact with the children whilst at my setting, is under the influence of alcohol or any other drug which may affect our ability to care for children.

I will ensure that anyone who has contact with the children in my care whilst at my setting, who is taking medication which may affect their ability to care for children, will seek medical advice. They will only work directly with children if it is confirmed that their ability to look after the children will not be impaired.

I will ensure that alcohol and other drugs are kept safely locked away from children.

I will not release the children into the care of any parent or carer who I have reason to believe is under the influence of alcohol or drugs. If an alternative person is not available to collect the child, then I will contact my local children's services following my safeguarding policy.

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This policy supports the following Early years foundation stage statutory framework for childminders requirements:

Section 3 – Safeguarding and welfare requirements

- Concerns about children's safety and welfare
- Suitable People - Staff taking medication/other substances