

Emergency and accident procedures

Our Centre has a detailed Policy, which sets out procedures in the event of an accident or emergency.

In the event of any emergency evacuation you will hear 3 continuous siren blasts. Please follow staff to the Emergency Assembly Area in the kindy yard. If this is unsafe we will go to the high school oval.

For an invacuation there will be 1 siren blast.

Emergency procedures are displayed in prominent places throughout the Centre.

Emergency drills are practised at least once a term so that children and staff are familiar with the procedure. Children will be kept together in a designated, protected area in the kindy yard. This is our Emergency Assembly Area.

It is important that telephone numbers of parents and emergency contacts are kept up to date. The enrolment form will be reviewed on an annual basis to assist us in maintaining accurate records.

If you are visiting the centre for an extended period please sign in at the front desk.

Bushfire information

Bushfire season can be an anxious time for children and families. The Clare Valley Children's Centre for Early Childhood Development and Parenting has an emergency plan to keep everybody as safe as possible in the event of a bushfire. By being prepared, planning, and taking action now to be Bushfire Ready, you will help greatly improve the outcome if a bushfire threat does occur.

The CVCC site has a low bushfire risk rating. It is outside of the CFS identified Clare Bushfire Safer Precinct. The Centre has the capacity to care for 104 children between 4 months and 6 years of age. There are also staff, parents, visitors and other services on site. Given this, uncertainty, and rapidly changing conditions in a bushfire, there may not be sufficient time nor may it be safe or practical to evacuate the Centre. With consideration of the risks and more probable circumstances, the Site has been prepared to reduce the impact of ember attacks and an approaching fire front. Within the Main Building, a nominated area has been prepared as the Bushfire Ready Refuge, where all persons on Site will shelter if the Site is under threat of a bushfire.

The Fire Danger Rating for a given day for the District, is based on weather and other factors that contribute to the likelihood of fire starting and how difficult it is to control.

We ask parents to:

Read all bushfire information provided, Consider what you and your family plan to do on a catastrophic fire rated day, Talk to your children about what will happen if a bushfire occurs when they are at the Centre and make sure your emergency contact details are up-to-date.

Catastrophic Fire Danger Rated Days

Catastrophic days are declared when conditions mean that a fire will be uncontrollable, unpredictable fast moving and virtually impossible to control.

A catastrophic rating is issued at 4pm for the following day. DECD bus services will not operate on CATASTROPHIC DAYS or through areas under threat of a bushfire.

All high risk schools and preschools in the declared Fire Ban District will be closed.

CVCC is a low risk site and the Centre WILL remain open on Catastrophic Days. Playgroup will not be run.

Parents and staff are asked to seriously consider for themselves the risk in travelling to and attending the Centre on Catastrophic Rated Days

For more information please read the Bushfire brochure located in the Foyer or contact the centre.