

## **KLEMZIG KINDERGARTEN**

## CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

National Quality Standard 2.3, 7.1 Regulation 168 (2) (h) Related Key Regulations: 84

Confidentiality will be respected at all times. Throughout all phases of the child protection process, confidentiality will be maintained and the matter will ONLY be discussed with other professionals who are responsible for ensuring the safety of all children UNLESS we are instructed to do so by DECD Incident Management Division. All staff, students and regular volunteers at Klemzig Kindergarten have up to date 'Responding to Abuse and Neglect' training. Staff have a legal responsibility to contact Child Abuse Report Line (CARL) on 131478 where they suspect abuse has occurred. Speak to the Director regarding the DECD process for making and documenting a report.

The decision to report any suspected cases of child abuse or neglect will be seen as a fundamental professional responsibility of any person employed at the Kindergarten. Please refer to the DECD Policy in the Appendix which guides the Centres procedures.

The fundamental professional responsibility of a caregiver to contact Families SA will take priority over the client / worker relationship considerations.

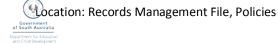
The kindergarten's main responsibility in this area is to ensure the safety of each and every child and support their right to feel safe and secure in their environment. We teach the "Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum" and parents are informed of the ideas and concepts being introduced to their children throughout the term.

The contact person for child protection concerns in this site is the Director or other certified supervisor. All volunteers and students are to contact the Director or other certified supervisor if they have any concerns.

Sourced: Child Protection Council, 'Keeping them Safe' document by SA Government Child Protection Reform Program, Child Protection Act, Centre Governing Council & Families, Centre Staff Team, Child Protection in schools, early childhood education and care services DECD Policy

http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/docs/documents/1/ChildProtectioninSchoolsE.pdf http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/speced2/files/links/Mandatory\_Notifications\_R.doc

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