

## **Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment**

Providers must keep premises and equipment clean, and be aware of, and comply with, requirements of health and safety legislation (including hygiene requirements).



## **8.8 Equipment and Resources**

### **Policy statement**

We believe that high quality care and education is promoted by providing children with safe, clean, attractive, age and stage appropriate resources, toys and equipment. We aim to provide children with resources and equipment which help to consolidate and extend their knowledge, skills, interests and aptitudes.

### **Procedures**

In order to achieve this aim:

- We provide play equipment and resources which are safe and, where applicable, conform to BS EN safety standards or Toys Safety Regulation (1995).
- We provide a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children.
- We provide resources which promote all areas of children's learning and development, which may be child or adult led.
- We select books, equipment and resources which promote positive images of people of all races, cultures and abilities, are non-discriminatory and avoid racial and gender stereotyping.
- We provide play equipment and resources which promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all children.
- We provide man-made, natural and recycled materials which are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use.
- We provide furniture which is suitable for children.
- We store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them.
- We check all resources and equipment regularly as they are set out at the beginnings of each session and put away at the end of each session. We repair and clean, or replace any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment.
- We keep an inventory of resources and equipment.

We use the inventory to:

- Review the balance of resources and equipment so that they can support a range of activities across all areas of play, learning and development.
- Record the dates and results of checking the resources and equipment
- We provide adequate insurance cover for the Playgroup's resources and equipment.
- We use the local library and toy library to introduce new books and a variety of resources to support children's interests.
- We plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and resources and new exciting challenges are offered.

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