

CHILD CARE SETTINGS - DAY NURSERIES

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OUTCOMES TO BE ACHIEVED:

Premises, facilities and equipment are safe and secure, and proper precautions are taken to prevent accidents. This applies to the Nursery setting and to outings for the children.

Elements addressed:

- Risk Assessment
- Fire Safety
- Accidents , Injuries & First Aid
- Untoward Events / Critical Incidents
- Security of Premises & Outdoor Play Areas
- Ponds, Water Features & Fountains
- Hazardous Plants
- Outings & Transport
- Security of Overnight Stay
- Visitors to the Nursery

#	Performance Indicator / Standard	SCORE	Evidence
52	Risk Assessments include checking for areas where water can collect, to include puddles, rainbutts, sandpits and buckets.		
53	Ponds, pool, fountains and natural water sources are inaccessible to children unless supervised.		
54	Hazardous plants and shrubs (i.e. thorny or poisonous) are inaccessible to children in outdoor areas.		
55	Indoor plants and shrubs are inaccessible to children.		
56	Outdoor areas set aside for compost making are inaccessible to children.		
57	Regular outings to playgrounds, parks, farms and other relevant locations form an essential part of the child's educational curriculum.		
58	There is a documented Policy for the safe escort of children on outings.		
59	This Policy provides for informing parents / guardians / carers of arranged outings, and for obtaining appropriate permission for their child to participate.		
60	Where possible, proposed venues / locations are visited and inspected by Nursery staff prior to finalising arrangements for outings.		
61	Inspections focus on confirming that the venue is suitable for the number of children in the party, their age(s), and age-appropriate stages of development.		
62	Information given to parents / guardians / carers regarding outings include venue, date and times, type of transport used, routes taken and number of adults present.		
63	Where appropriate, the Policy provides for ensuring that the children have adequate packed lunches or snacks.		
64	Where appropriate, the Policy provides for ensuring that children requiring medication have adequate supplies which are safely kept by the Nursery staff until required.		
65	Full details of the outing, together with the group size and the name of the Person-in-Charge are carried by accompanying staff, and also held by staff remaining at the Nursery.		
66	Staff : child ratios are maintained for outings in accordance with National Standards requirements.		
67	Arrangements cover the use of vehicles owned by the Nursery for the purpose of transporting children.		
68	There is a list of "competent drivers", and copies of relevant personal Driving Licences are kept on file which relate to the class of vehicles being driven, and are checked annually.		

