



Allegations Of Abuse policy

Policy Statement

As a childminder, working alone, I am more vulnerable to allegations of abuse being made against myself or my family.

Procedures (how I will put the statement into practice)

- I will ensure all household members over 16 have an up-to-date DBS check and are not left alone with minded children.
- I will ensure all visitors to the house sign the visitors' record and do not have unsupervised access to the children under any circumstances.
- I will always follow my Physical Contact and Intimate Care Policies.
- I will ensure, where possible, that no trades people are in the house during minded hours, unless it is an emergency repair. If they do visit the premises during working hours, they will not be near minded children without supervision and children will be kept at a safe distance, appropriate to the works being carried out.
- I will document every accident and incident that occurs while children are in my care, informing parents and requesting them to sign my records.
- I will ask parents/carers to inform me of any accidents/incidents that children have been involved in away from my setting and take a note of any pre-existing injuries for my records, which a parent/carer must sign.
- I will ensure the children are always supervised.
- I will keep accurate records and inform parents/carers of any important information about their child.

However, sometimes allegations can be made, and this unfortunate situation cannot be avoided.

In the event of an allegation being made, I will follow the procedure detailed below, in order to gain support and professional advice.

- I will contact the LADO, Ofsted and my public liability insurance provider.
- I will write a detailed record of all related incidents, including what was said and by whom, with times and dates.
- I will ask any witnesses (if there were any) to write a statement detailing the incident they observed, and to provide their contact details in case it needs to be followed up by the authorities.
- If advised to do so, I will suspend my childcare services until a full investigation into the matter has been completed.



Please ensure you have read and understand the Allegations of abuse policy and procedure.

All policies and procedures are reviewed regularly and updated when necessary.

This policy and procedure has been development in line with the EYFS welfare requirements and Ofsted guidance, and outlines the provider's responsibility to take all necessary steps to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

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