

Merewether Day Care – Risk Assessment for Excursions & Regular Outings

Identify the Activity: Be part of the community, practice social graces, view items in shops, exercise & gain appreciation of animals and the natural environments		Destination: Euro Patisserie other Shops and/or Blackbutt Animal Reserve & Parklands	Who may be at risk? Educator & Children	If required - Risk Assessment : Transport		
Instructions: 1. Send risk assessment to nominated supervisor for acknowledgment (NS) 2. Once approved by NS email risk assessment to parents one week prior 3. Place risk assessments on clipboard for each family to sign & give to NS before excursion/outing begins 4. Inform parents and nominated supervisor the morning of the excursion 5. Provide new risk assessment annually for each outing		Identify hazards, risks and rate the risks 1. Divide the activity into tasks 2. Identify the hazards and associated risks for each task 3. List risk controls already in place 4. Determine a risk rating using the Risk Matrix tool		Proposed Day/Date: Mondays to Fridays Proposed Times: 9:00 until 11:00 Proposed Route: Hwy, Northcote Drive & Carnley Ave Total: Adults 5-6 Children 20 Ratio: 1:3/4		
Tasks	Hazards	Risks	Control Measures <i>(how you will manage and minimise the risks)</i>	Risk Rating After Control Measure		
				Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating
Walking along pathways in carpark	Traffic	Injury	Babies in prams or on wrist straps to educator, older children walking – hand holding routine, taught never to go onto road without adult and never chase blown off hat or anything onto the road, look to the right, left, right again and cross road with adult routine. Prams placed across path at street corner – so can't roll.	Unlikely	Moderate	low
Boardwalks and walking paths	Trip, fall, sun	Injury Sunburn	First aid bag carried on all excursions. Children actively supervised and guided in the use of the ramps and pathways. Children wear Sunsafe hats, sunscreen and at least short sleeved top. Early morning excursion largely before heat of the day.	Unlikely	Moderate	Low
Walking past shops On the pathway around the enclosures	Other Pedestrians Waterway	Lost child, drowning	Person in Charge will take a photo of each group of children with their educator/teacher and forward this to Director and keep on their own phone for reference e.g. what each child was wearing etc. Children walk with or in front of educator or beside when hand held, never behind, stay with your friend's routine, all go to bathroom together. Active supervision and regular checking by educator of the children in their charge. Children are not allowed to go beyond each section until they are with their group. Hi-vis vests on children out of prams. They all move together from one enclosure to another. Children wear a fluoro bracelet with MDC and contact phone number. Staff leader wears a Safe T Card that enables them to push button on tag to gain emergency help through security firm monitoring. Children are not taken right down to the water and we explain why as they need to come there with their parents for supervision. We only take child to toilets that are within a distance of the water with teacher holding their hands. Children are encouraged to use the toilet at Euro before we go to the Reserve.	Unlikely	Moderate/ Severe	Low
Facility check	Toilets General safety Fire protection Earthquake	Injury	Facility and equipment checked and maintained by staff of the centre, where standards are visibly obviously high in regard to hygiene. We would follow instructions from the wardens regarding exiting the premises in event of fire or earthquake	Unlikely	Minor	Low
Morning Tea	Storage of foods Area for meals	Food poisoning Choking	Only go to cafes where standards are visibly obviously high in regard to hygiene. Children's own food is kept in insulated bag. Children do not eat until they are sitting down at table and remain there until finished	Unlikely	Moderate	Low
Access to water, keeping cool	No tap water available Sitting in car whilst we unpack	Dehydration	Each child's drink bottle of water is carried on all excursions plus spares in each vehicle. Sliding doors on both side of the vehicle are always opened when we stop the vehicle and turn off the engine (aircon). This allows flow through ventilation whilst we unpack the care.	Unlikely	Moderate	Low
Each January Risk Assessment are re-examined before approval by The Nominated Supervisor. These can be accessed by parents on website.			January each year parents sign a new excursion approval that can be found in the front of their child's folder. This permission allows the centre staff to take their child on regular excursions.			