

Anaphylaxis Policy



Background

Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre (BNC) recognises the potentially serious consequences of children with allergies. These allergies may include a condition known as anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction brought about by exposure to certain foods and or other substances. Non-food items such as latex and bee stings can also bring about a life-threatening reaction.

Policy Aims

The aims of this policy are:

- to minimise the risk of an anaphylactic reaction occurring while children are in the care of the service.
- to ensure that staff members respond appropriately to an anaphylactic reaction by initiating appropriate treatment, including competently administering an adrenaline auto-injection device.
- to raise the service community's awareness of anaphylaxis and its management through education and policy implementation.

Policy Statements

BNC believes that the safety and wellbeing of children who are at risk of anaphylaxis is a whole-of-community responsibility. The service is committed to:

- providing, as far as practicable, a safe and healthy environment in which children at risk of anaphylaxis can participate equally in all aspects of the children's program and experiences.
- raising awareness about allergies and anaphylaxis amongst the and children in attendance
- actively involving the parents/guardians of each child at risk of anaphylaxis in assessing risks, developing risk minimisation strategies and management strategies for their child.
- ensuring each staff member and other relevant adults have adequate knowledge of allergies, anaphylaxis and emergency procedures.
- facilitating communication to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children at risk of anaphylaxis.

Roles and Responsibilities

Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure staff responsible for children at risk attend anaphylaxis management training that is reinforced at yearly intervals.• Ensure that at all times an anaphylactic child is present, at least one staff member is trained in anaphylaxis management. If this is not possible then the parents must be informed before they leave their child at the centre.• Display the Action plan for Anaphylaxis poster on the Children's room notice board.
Staff/Educators	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure a copy of the child's anaphylaxis plan is placed on file in the Children's Room and that all staff have studied it.• Ensure all relieving staff are aware of the symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction, the child at risk, their action plan and the location of the Epipen®.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the child's anaphylaxis action plan in the event of an allergic reaction. Ask all parents/ guardians at time of enrolment about allergies. Ensure this section is completed on enrolment form. Ensure the parents provide an anaphylaxis action plan signed by a doctor and a complete Epipen® kit while the child is in the centre. This kit must be in an accessible location known to all children's room staff. Ensure that each time the child attends the service that they have their Epipen® kit with them, without the kit they are not permitted to attend the program.
Parents/Guardians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform staff of their child's allergies at time of enrolment. Provide staff with an anaphylaxis action plan. Provide staff with a complete Epipen® kit at time of enrolment. Notify staff of any changes in child's allergy status. Comply with the BNC policy that no child who has been prescribed an Epipen® is permitted to attend without their Epipen® kit.

Related Documents

Medical Conditions Policy

Food & Nutrition Policy

Children's Service Regulations 2020: *Regulation 95*

Document History

Version	Title	Author	Authorised	Date	Changes to Previous
1	Anaphylaxis Policy	Unknown	COM	Unknown	Original
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