

Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness

Purpose

Peak Sports and Learning proactively strives to avoid injuries occurring at the Centre, and to minimise the impact of injuries and illnesses by responding appropriately and as quickly as possible, to all injuries and illnesses. The rights and responsibilities of parents with respect to injuries and illnesses of their children are acknowledged and will be taken in to account in administering all procedures.

Considerations

Education and Care Services National Regulations	National Quality Standard/s	Other Service policies/documentation	Other
National Regulations: Regulations – 85 - 87, 168, 174, 175, 177, 183	QA 2, Elements 2.1.2, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Administration of First Aid Policy- Administration of Medication Policy- Managing Duty of Care – Non attending children Policy- Medical Conditions Policy	

Procedures

Parental Permission

By enrolling and accepting the terms and conditions of enrolment, the child's parent/guardian agrees for the Nominated Supervisor (or, in absence of the Supervisor, a Responsible Person qualified in first aid) to obtain medical attention, in keeping with the Policies and Procedures of Peak Sports and Learning, if required.

By enrolling and accepting the terms and conditions of enrolment, consent is obtained from the parent/guardian for the use of all health and other personal information which Peak Sports and Learning has relating to the child for the purpose of enabling staff of Peak Sports and Learning to:

- administer care and assistance to the child, including by obtaining emergency or other medical assistance or care for the child in accordance with the Injury and Illness Policy and Procedures of the Service; and
- report any injury or illness as required by law.

First Aid

At least one staff member with a current first-aid qualification and annually updated CPR qualification, as required by the Child Care Regulations, will be on duty at all times while children are in attendance at the Centre. Disposable gloves will be worn by staff when administering first-aid, and will be disposed of immediately after use, in a way that they are reasonably secure from children and other staff.

The Supervisor will delegate a qualified staff member to ensure that the following are kept at Peak Sports and Learning at all times, and are accessible to the staff but not to children:

- a fully maintained and equipped first aid kit, adequate for the number of children attending Peak Sports and Learning;
- a recognised and current first-aid manual; and
- a cold pack and ice ready for use in the administering of first aid;
- a store of disposable gloves.

Immediate procedure upon injury or illness

If a child becomes ill or injured while attending Peak Sports and Learning:

- staff will comfort and calm the child;
- a staff member qualified in first aid will administer appropriate first aid and assess the child's condition;
- no staff member will administer non-prescribed oral medications to any child;
- if necessary, the Supervisor, or qualified staff member, will ensure that the child is separated from the other children and made as comfortable as possible in quiet, well-ventilated area;
- if necessary, the Supervisor, or qualified staff member, will contact the parents/guardians to collect their child as soon as possible.
- the child will be kept under adult supervision and their condition monitored until the parent's arrival.
- where a child requires medication, consent will first be obtained from the parent/guardian. If this is not possible, consent will be obtained from the child's doctor.

If the child's condition is assessed as serious or deteriorates and emergency medical attention is necessary:

- the Supervisor, or qualified staff member, will direct a staff member to call an ambulance;
- all attempts will be made to notify the parents; and
- if parents are unable to accompany the child to the hospital, the Supervisor, or qualified staff member who administered the first aid, will accompany the child provided that they leave at least one staff member who is qualified in first aid at Peak Sports and Learning and that the staff ratios are still met.
- All costs incurred in obtaining medical attention for a child will be met by the parents/guardians.

Recording and Reporting Injuries and Illness

The Supervisor shall delegate to a staff member responsibility to maintain an injury/illness record, and to ensure that, as soon as reasonably possible after a child suffers an injury or illness at Peak Sports and Learning, a staff member who administered care or first aid to the child enters all of the information required by the next paragraph.

The information which will be recorded on the Accident/Incident Form after a child suffers an injury or illness at Peak Sports and Learning, is:

- the child's name; age and gender
- date and time of accident;
- details of accident;
- parents/guardians contacted;
- treatment and outcome of accident;
- whether first-aid kit was used and if so what treatment;
- staff signature and witness signature; and
- parent's signature confirming knowledge of accident.

The information contained in the injury/illness record must not be used for any purpose except strictly in accordance with this policy.

The Supervisor will ensure that the parent of a child who is injured or ill at Peak Sports and Learning is informed of the situation, and the treatment given, on collection of the child.

Notifiable serious incidents

The service under scope of the National Quality Framework are required to notify the regulatory authority, Early Childhood Education and Care when certain incidents or circumstances occur and when certain complaints are received.

All notifiable incidents, circumstances and complaints must be reported via the National Quality Agenda IT System on the Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) website. Strict reporting timeframes apply.

These include:

- The death of a child while at a service or following an incident while attending a service.
- Any incident involving a serious injury or trauma to a child while attending a service, which:
 - a reasonable person would consider required urgent medical attention from a registered medical practitioner; or
 - the child attended or ought to have reasonably attended a hospital (e.g. broken limb).
- Any incident involving serious illness of a child while attending a service and the child attended or ought to have reasonably attended a hospital (e.g. acute asthma, seizure or anaphylaxis).
- Any emergency for which emergency services attended.
- A child is missing or cannot be accounted for.
- A child appears to have been removed from the premises by a person not authorised by a parent / guardian.
- A child is mistakenly locked in or out of the premises or any part of the premises.
- Any incident or allegations of physical and/or sexual abuse of a child/ren has occurred or is occurring while the child is being educated and cared for by the service.

Version Control Table

Version Control	Date Released	Next Review	Approved by	Amendment
1	January 2014	November 2019	Directors	Nil – small amendments to procedures
2	November 2019	November 2020	Directors	Amendments to include all notifiable complaints
3	February 2020	March 2022	Directors	Amendment to Parental permissions as per FullyBooked enrolment T&Cs. Moved to new document review timeline.