

# Edgeworth Child Care Centre Inc.

## Road Safety Policy

### Aim

To help children develop safe road usage practices – empowering them to be safe road users.  
To increase the awareness of parents/families/community of the road safety issues affecting young children.  
To provide consistent road safety messages between the service and home environment.

### Who is affected by this policy?

Children  
Parents  
Educators  
Staff  
Management

### Implementation

*Educators/Staff will:*

- Use planned and spontaneous learning experiences to promote the key safety messages of –
  - 1) Always hold a grown-up's hand. When a grown-up's hand is not available, hold a pram, bag, or clothes.
  - 2) Always cross the road with a grown-up.
  - 3) Always buckle up your seatbelt.
  - 4) Always leave your seatbelt buckled up in the car.
  - 5) Always get in and out of the 'Safety Door'.
  - 6) Always ask a grown-up where it is safe for you to play.
  - 7) Always wear a helmet when riding your bike or wheeled toy.
- Use relevant up-to-date road safety information and resources (kits, games, and posters).
- Realise that children are dependent on them for safe behaviour in the road environment.
- Through play help children become familiar with, and to practice passenger safety, pedestrian safety and safe play.
- Teach safe road practice through play and discussion.
- Educate families and communities about children's road use issues and safe practices.

*Children will:*

- Participate in planned and spontaneous learning experiences.
- Develop safe road use practices.
- Through play become familiar with, and practice passenger safety, pedestrian safety and safe play.

*Parents/Family/Community will:*

- Be provided with road safety information.
- Be asked to contribute ideas/suggestions/comments about children's road safety.
- Be encouraged to always hold their child's hand in the car park or pathway.
- Be encouraged to always ensure that children wear seatbelts in the car.
- Be encouraged to always ensure that children wear helmets when riding bikes or wheeled toys.
- Be encouraged to always insist that children use the "Safety Door".
- Be encouraged to always monitor where their children play and insist they play in safe areas.

**The Approved Provider/Nominated Supervisor will ensure this policy is maintained and implemented at all times.**

## **Sources**

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## **Review**

The policy will be reviewed annually. Review will be conducted by management, employees, parents and any interested parties.

**Reviewed: 25 October 2017**

**Date for next review: October 2018**