

# B-5 Pest Control

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Epping Heights OSHC.

## NQS

QA. 2.1.1	Wellbeing and comfort.
QA. 2.1.2	Health practices and procedures.
QA. 2.1.3	Healthy lifestyle.
QA. 3.1.1	Fit for purpose.
QA. 3.1.2	Upkeep.
QA. 3.2.3	Environmentally responsible.
QA. 7.1.2	Management systems.
QA. 7.1.3	Roles and responsibilities.

## National Regulations

Reg. 77	Health, hygiene and safe food practices
Reg. 103	Premises, furniture and equipment to be safe, clean and in good repair
Reg. 110	Ventilation and natural light
Reg. 168	Education and care service must have policies and procedures

## POLICY STATEMENT

We aim to provide a clean and safe environment by ensuring that every effort is made to maintain a vermin free Centre. We will endeavour to do this with the minimum use of chemicals.

## RELATED POLICIES

- Epping Heights OSHC Policy B-1: Facility Management
- Epping Heights OSHC Policy B-2: Building Equipment Repairs and Maintenance
- Epping Heights OSHC Policy B-6: Indoor Environment
- Epping Heights OSHC Policy D-2: Hygiene
- Epping Heights OSHC Policy D-4: Food Safety and Handling
- Epping Heights OSHC Policy D-5: Hazardous Materials
- Epping Heights OSHC Policy D-28: Workplace, Health and Safety

## PROCEDURE

Equipment and especially food items will be properly stored so as not to attract pests and vermin.

Refuse bins and disposal areas will be lidded, emptied and cleaned daily.

Kitchen and food preparation areas and storage will be cleaned and maintained daily.

All areas will be checked regularly for any signs of pests or vermin.

Should any pests or vermin be identified then action should be taken to rid the Centre of the problem by:

Initially using non-chemical methods such as physical removal, maintaining a clean environment, and use of any non-chemical products.

Low irritant, environmentally friendly sprays to be used minimally and only with adequate ventilation and preferably not in the presence of children.

Other methods such as the employment of a pest control company if deemed necessary by Management where the above methods have failed.

If urgent, the Centre Coordinator may obtain a contractor from the School Office to address the problem as being owner of the premises, the Department of Education Training has maintenance responsibilities.

If non-urgent the Centre Coordinator will bring the problem to the attention of Management in their report and Management will decide on the appropriate course of action.

All parents will be notified of any use of chemicals, in advance where possible.

Any use of chemical products should only be conducted outside the hours of the children's and staff presence in the building.

All action will be taken to remove the children, staff and parents from the environment for as long as is safe and viable.

## **SOURCES**

- Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
- National Quality Standard
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011

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