

Playcentre Aotearoa's Laundering Procedure



Education (Early Childhood Services) Regulations 2008. Regs 46(1)(b)

Licensing Criteria for Centre-Based Education and Care Services 2008 (as amended May 2016):

HS2: Linen used by children or adults is hygienically laundered

Documentation required: A procedure for the hygienic laundering (off-site or on-site) of linen used by the children or adults

Item	Procedure
1.0	<p>Daily laundering is required and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Towels used on session ▪ Cloths/sponges used on session ▪ Dolls clothes dress up clothes, family play blankets etc. that are dirty ▪ Linen and blankets used for cots and beds during session <p>Items should be removed from use and placed in a separate area for laundry each day. However, for efficiency and to minimise the environmental impact, items may be held for a few days to accumulate a load before being washed.</p>
2.0	Centres without washing machines require a Centre member to take home the dirty laundry <u>daily</u> . In this case, Playcentre laundry is to be done as a separate load to the household wash, and follow point 2.1.
2.1	<p>Separate and wash each of these laundry types separately, to prevent cross contamination and respect various cultural practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Kitchen/food laundry b) Bathroom laundry c) Play laundry d) Bed or cot linen
2.2	Use hot wash temperature and adequate laundry detergent.
3.0	At Centre, if an indoor drying rack is used, adults need to ensure that it does not obstruct corridors, exit and entry points or impact on tamariki play areas.
3.1	Dry items in the sun whenever possible

GUIDELINES

1. All dress ups and family play linens should be laundered at the end of each term or by item when needing immediate cleaning.
2. Loose covers for couches and covers for cushions are laundered as required.

REFERENCES

Playcentre Aotearoa's Health & Safety Policy

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