

Playcentre Aotearoa's Child Washdown Procedure Sign



Education (ECS) Regulations 2008. Regs 46

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

HS30: Children are washed when they are soiled or pose a health risk to themselves or others.

TO BE DISPLAYED AT YOUR CENTRE

Wash Down Procedure A: Where a tub or shower IS available	
1.0	When a child soils themselves: Assess the extent of clean-up required and if the clean-up required is extensive, or there is any risk of contagious illness the washdown procedures below should be used.
1.1	Care should be taken to minimise the risk of spreading illness by following these procedures to ensure hygiene and following the Sick Child Isolation Procedure where necessary.
2.0	BEFORE
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ensure that the sick or soiled child is treated with consideration to their privacy and dignity. b) Inform another adult when taking a child other than your own to the Washdown area and ask the other adult to maintain line of sight while you are attending to the child's needs. c) Consider using protective gloves d) Ask the child if they wish to have the door closed – IF YES, ENSURE THERE ARE TWO ADULTS PRESENT
3.0	DURING
3.1	<i>Do not at anytime leave the child unsupervised in the wash down area.</i>
3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Help the child into the shub/shower. b) Wash the child down. c) Help the child from the shub/shower onto a dry towel. d) Dry and dress child.
3.3	If the child is ill, relocate to a designated isolation area until someone can take him/her home.
4.0	AFTER
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Wash the shub/shower with detergent. b) Then spray with 0.5% bleach or other approved solution. c) After 20 minutes, wash bleach/solution off. d) Ensure that any other affected surfaces are also disinfected.
4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Place towels, flannels and other launderable items in a disposable or washable bag for parent to take home and launder (hot wash) as per the Laundering Procedure. b) Protective gloves and any items that are very soiled must be bagged and discarded in the designated Centre bin.
4.3	WASH AND DRY YOUR HANDS THOROUGHLY.



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Wash Down Procedure B: Where a tub or shower is NOT available	
1.0	When a child soils themselves: Assess the extent of clean-up required and if the clean-up required is extensive, or there is any risk of contagious illness the washdown procedures below should be used.
1.1	Care should be taken to minimise the risk of spreading illness by following these procedures to ensure hygiene and following the Sick Child Isolation Procedure where necessary.
2.0	BEFORE
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ensure that the sick or soiled child is treated with consideration to their privacy and dignity. b) Inform another adult when taking a child other than your own to the Washdown area and ask the other adult to maintain line of sight while you are attending to the child's needs. c) Consider using protective gloves d) Ask the child if they wish to have the door closed – IF YES, ENSURE THERE ARE TWO ADULTS PRESENT
2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Gather spill kit or necessary items for washdown (bath/towels/cloths etc) b) Lay designated Washdown sheet (kept [redacted]) out on floor in bathroom. c) Place labelled Washdown plastic bath/bucket (kept [redacted]) on sheet. d) Fill bath with sufficient warm water to wash the child, but do not overfill e) To fill the bath use [redacted] (e.g specific taps, or jugs of water) f) Ensure health and safety precautions are taken whilst filling bath, such as having 2 adults to lift heavy items, bending knees, keeping load close to the body, and supervision to ensure tamariki are safe around the water.
3.0	DURING
3.1	<i>Do not at anytime leave the child unsupervised in the wash down area.</i>
3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Help the child into the bath. b) Wash the child down. c) Help the child from the bath onto a dry towel. d) Dry and dress child.
3.3	If child is ill, relocate to a designated isolation area until someone can take him/her home
4.0	AFTER
4.1	Empty Washdown bath/bucket into toilet. <i>N/B This may require two people depending on amount of water (one person either side of the tub, bending knees to lift).</i>
4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Wash the bath with hot, soapy water, then spray with 0.5% bleach or other approved solution. After 20 minutes, wash bleach/solution off. Allow to dry outside, in sun if possible. b) Return bath to [redacted] when dry. c) Ensure that any other affected surfaces are also disinfected.
4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Place towels, flannels and other launderable items in a disposable or washable bag for parent to take home and launder (hot wash) as per Laundering Procedure. b) Protective gloves and any items that are very soiled must be bagged and discarded in the designated Centre bin.
4.4	WASH AND DRY YOUR HANDS THOROUGHLY.

