



CCTV policy

2023

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QA4	4.2.2	Professional standards - Professional standards guide practice, interactions and relationships.
QA7	7.1.2	Management systems - Systems are in place to manage risk and enable the effective management and operation of a quality service.

Aim

To implement a mechanism which complies with the Australian Privacy Principles and can be used to help minimise or eliminate immediate risks to children, employees or visitors, or to support matters which may be investigated by the Police or Courts/Tribunals.

Intersection Policies

Record Keeping and Retention Policy

Implementation

We have installed CCTV cameras to help ensure the safety and security of our children, employees and visitors to our service. Surveillance footage will be used to minimise or eliminate immediate risks to children, employees or visitors, or it may be used as evidence in any matter which involves the Police or Courts/Tribunals.

When installing CCTV cameras we will comply with privacy and other legislative requirements by:

- notifying employees and families in writing at least 14 days before use:
 - *that CCTV cameras will be used for security and safety purposes*
 - *when they will start recording – Erina kindergarten cameras will be recording from the 25th August, 2021*
 - *whether they will record footage continuously or intermittently – Erina kindergarten cameras will be recording footage continuously*
 - *the period of surveillance i.e. a specific period or for an ongoing period – ongoing surveillance will be occurring for Erina kindergarten*
 - *how long the footage will be kept – footage will be kept for 14 days at Erina kindergarten*
 - *who has access to the footage – Erina kindergarten employees or owners who use it to ensure the safety of children, families or visitors, the Police, legal representatives in the event of a Court case, and employees or owners whose role it is to maintain or delete the video*
 - *when and how the footage will be deleted – footage is deleted automatically every two weeks at Erina kindergarten*
 - *that they may consult with the Nominated Supervisor about the conduct of the surveillance*
- displaying signs at each entrance telling people that CCTV cameras are in use and they may be recorded
- recording vision but not sound
- ensuring there is no external access to the footage e.g. families can't log in and view it
- ensuring there is no surveillance of adult or children's toilets, bathrooms or change rooms and no surveillance of lactation rooms. This does not prevent CCTV vision of the entrance/exit to these areas.



During the 14 day notice period the Approved Provider or Nominated Supervisor will consult in good faith with employees and families who raise issues about the surveillance by giving them a genuine opportunity to influence the conduct of the surveillance.

Once the CCTV is in operation, the Nominated Supervisor or Administration Manager will provide new employees or families with a copy of the CCTV policy before they start at the service.

Sources

National Quality Standard

Centre support weekly policy review

Early Years Learning framework

Education and Care Services National Regulation

Surveillance Devices Act 2007

Workplace Surveillance Act 2005

Privacy Act 1988 (includes Australian Privacy Principles)

Review

The policy will be reviewed annually by:

- Management
- Employees
- Families
- Interested Parties

Related Telephone Numbers

- Early Childhood Directorate 1800 619 113
- NSW Health 9391-9000
- Health Direct 1800 022 222
- Emergency Services 000
- ACECQA 1300 422 327
- Police 000
- Office of the Children's Guardian 8219 3600
- Community Justice NSW 1800 990 777

Amendment History

Version	Amendment	Short Description
108	Update approved provider	Approved provider update



This policy will be updated to ensure compliance with all relevant legal requirements every year. Appropriate consultation of all stakeholders (including staff and families) will be conducted on a timely basis. In accordance with Regulation 172 of the *Education and Care Services National Regulation*, families of children enrolled will be notified at least 14 days and their input considered prior to any amendment of policies and procedures that have any impact on their children or family.

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