

Polasaithe Naíonra Céimeanna Beaga

Polasaí 21: Supervision of Children / Indoor and
Outdoor



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1. Supervision of Children; Indoor and Outdoor

This policy and code of practice has been developed to inform and guide supervision of the children in the service in order to ensure their welfare, health and safety. Young children are curious about their environment where they see opportunities for exploration and investigation in their indoor and outdoor environment. Children are especially vulnerable and rely on responsible adults to care and protect them.

This Supervision of Children Policy and Procedure must be followed and implemented by all the staff working in the service. Staff must be vigilant and observant in their supervision to ensure the safety, health and well-being of the children at all times. Staff must be familiar with the environment and any possible hazards.

Indoor Area:

The staff child/ratios for indoor play will be in compliant with the Early Years Services Regulations . Staff/child ratios will be applicable to the age range specified in the Early Years Services Regulations . The staff will be vigilant about supervising children indoors.

Entrance Area:

- All staff must follow the practices in relation to access and egress of parents/guardians and children through the main door.
- When people reach the outside door of the service staff should not allow entry unless they are sure that the person is:
 - A parent
 - An authorised collection person

- A visitor (staff should be informed of any expected visitors and given the name and company of the person visiting)
- Early Years Inspection Team
- If in doubt, check with the Manager
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Play/class Room:

- The staff should ensure that their presence and position in the room allows that all areas of the room are under constant supervision and that all children are in the sight of at least one member of staff, at all times.
- The staff should observe due care and attention when opening presses ensuring that children are not standing nearby.
- Childcare safety latches should be used at all times on the presses and the doors as appropriate.
- The blinds/curtains on the windows should be used appropriately to ensure that the glare from the sunshine does not have an impact on the children.

Outdoor Play Area:

The staff child/ratios for outdoor play will be in compliant with the Early Years Services Regulations . A minimum of one the staff for every group will be present at any one time. Staff will be vigilant about supervising children outdoors. The outside time is playtime for the children. The adult is there to supervise and lead games and ensure that the children are in no danger to themselves or their peers. The staff should not sit and should ensure they have a good view of the whole area.

- The staff should ensure that their presence and position in the outdoor play area allows that all areas of the outdoor area are under constant supervision and that all children are in the sight of at least one member of staff, at all times.
- The outdoor play area must be checked by a the staff for safety before any children use the outdoor play area (see outdoor play policy).
- The staff must engage with the children during the outdoor playtime. The curriculum should be used outdoors as well as in the children's room.

Outings:

- The staff/child ratios for outings should be confirmed with the insurance company in the first instance, as this ratio may be higher than the Child Care Act (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016.
- The staff should ensure that they follow the requirements of the Outings Policy and Procedure.
- The staff must ensure that they constantly supervise the children in their care.

2. Bainistíocht Riosca

Déanfaidh ár tseirbhís measúnú ar aon rioscaí a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ann do shábháilteacht na bpáistí sa Naónra, d'fhostaithe nó do chuaireoirí chun na seirbhíse, agus tógfaimid na céimeanna cuí chun na rioscaí seo a dhíothú nó a laghdú.

Chun sábháilteacht sláinte agus leas na bpáistí agus na ndaoine fásta a chinntíú ar áitreabh an Naónra nó agus iad i mbun gníomhaíochtaí lasmuigh de láthair an Naónra amhail turasanna. Cuimseoidh measúnaithe riosca measúnú ar chontúirtí san fhoirgneamh taobh istigh agus taobh amuigh, ar chontúirtí le linn turasanna, ar chontúirtí a bhaineann leis an bhfoireann [tagairtí, grinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána, seiceáil idirnáisiúnta pólíní, aitheantas oifigiúil ar taifead, CV gan bhearnaí], agus ar chontúirtí eile a bhaineann le slándáil agus le sábháilteacht.

Déanfaidh Fostaithe na nithe seo a leanas:

- Aire réasúnach a thabhairt do Shábháilteacht, do Shláinte agus do Leas dá gcuid féin agus de chuid aon duine nó páiste eile faoina gcúram a bhféadfadh sé go mbeadh tionchar ag a ngíomhaíochtaí nó a n-easnaimh orthu le linn dóibh a bheith ag an obair.
- Iad féin a chur ar an eolas faoi pholasaithe Sábháilteachta, Slándála agus Leasa na heagraíochta agus cloí leis na polasaithe sin i gcónaí.
- Na rialacha slándála uile a chomhlíonadh agus comhoibriú lena bhfostóirí chun aon cheann de na rialacháin nó de na treoracha reachtúla a chomhlíonadh.
- Úsáid a bhaint as aon fhearas oriúnach, éadaí cosanta, áis nó fearas chun cinntíú go dtugtar cosaint beartaithe chun a Sábháilteacht, Sláinte agus Leas a chinntíú agus iad ag obair.
- Cloí leis na treoracha ar fad a thugann an lucht bainistíocha agus daoine eile le freagrachtaí maidir le Sábháilteacht, Sláinte agus Leas dóibh.
- Na trealaimh chearta do na jabanna a úsáid díreach mar a beartaíodh, leis na gléasanna sábháilteachta cuí ar fad agus na huirlisí a choimeád i ndea-chaoi.
- Dírigh aon mholtáí nó imní maidir le cúrsaí Sábháilteachta, Sláinte nó Leasa ar an duine i bhfeighil.
- Tuairisc a thabhairt don **duine i bhfeighil** láithreach maidir le aon timpistí, damáiste, lochtanna nó ceisteanna sábháilteachta. Áirítear leis sin timpistí nó neastionóiscí, cé acu a gortaíodh iad nó nár gortaíodh.
- Cinntigh go gcríochnaítear oliúint reachtúil shonrach i.e. i láimhsíú agus i ngarchhabhair, agus go ndéantar uasdátú de réir mar is gá.

Ní Dhéanfaidh Fostaithe:

- Cur isteach ar nó mí-úsáid, d'aon turas nó gan smaoineamh, aon ghléas, éadach cosanta, áis, trealamh nó aon acmhainn nó rud eile a cuireadh ar fáil de bhun aon cheann de na forálacha reachtúla

nó eile, chun Sábháilteacht, Sláinte agus Leas daoine a chinntíú agus iad i mbun a ngíomhaíochtaí oibre.

- Aon tascanna a motháíonn siad nach bhfuil siad in ann a chur i gcrích, nó a bhfuil riosca i bhfad ró-ard bainteach leo.
- Bheith faoi thionchar aon ábhar meisciúil ar dócha go gcuirfeadh sé isteach ar a gcumas chun obair go sábháilte nó chun páistí a mhaoirsiú. Déan tuairisc don lucht bainistíochta láithreach le do thoil ar aon fhadhbanna leighis ar dócha go gcuirfeadh sé isteach ar do shábháilteacht nó ar shábháilteacht na bpáistí nó do chomhghleacaithe.

Céard atá i gceist le Measúnú Riosca?

Is éard atá i gceist le Measúnú Riosca ná scúdú a dhéanamh ar do sheirbhís luathbhlianta chun fáil amach cad a d'fhéadfadh dochar a dhéanamh do pháistí, oibrithe nó cuairteoirí. Is é an cuspóir ná na riosca a aithint agus ansin deireadh a chur leis an riosca sin nó é a shrianadh.

CÉIM 1: Na rioscaí a aithint

CÉIM 2: Socraigh cé iad na daoine atá i mbaol dochair.

CÉIM 3: Déan na riosca a mheas agus cinntigh ar bheartas cosanta.

CÉIM 4: Cláraigh do thorthaí

CÉIM 5: Déan athbhreithniú agus uasdátaigh

Agus tú ag smaoineamh faoi mheasúnú riosca, cuimnigh:

- Ciallaíonn **guais** aon rud a d'fhéadfadh dochar a dhéanamh, mar shampla:
 - Soicéid fágtha gan chlúdach
 - Gan garchabhrór a bheith ar an áitreabh
 - Oibrí ag ardú tochtanna codlata i gcoinne comhairle um láimhsíú
 - Bia a riarradh gan lámhainní a chaitheamh
- Ciallaíonn **riosca** an seans (ard nó íseal) go ndéanfaidh an guais dochar (oiriúnaithe ó bhileog eolais an FSSA (Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhise Sláinte) maidir le Measúnú Riosca).

Guais a Aithint:

- Siúl timpeall do sheirbhís luathbhlianta (taobh amuigh agus taobh istigh).
- Úsáid seicliosta um measúnú riosca.
- Seiceáil na treoracha déantúsóirí chun cinntíú go bhfuil na hoibrithe ag úsáid na trealaimeach nó na hábhair i gceart.
- Seiceáil na foirmeacha timpistí agus tionóiscí – is féidir guaiseacha a aithint an bealach seo.

Cad is cóir a dhéanamh nuair a aithnítear riosca:

- Fáil réidh leis an nguais (m.sh. bain mata atá ina ghuais tuisle)

- Sríanaigh an riosca chun an baol dochair a laghdú (m.sh. soicéad a chlúdach).

Measúnú Riosca Fostaithe, Oibrithe ar Conradh agus daoine eile:

Tá nósanna imeachta cuimsitheacha againn maidir le hearcú, le roghnú agus le grinnfiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána chomh maith le polasaithe maidir le hasláithreacht bhall foirne, oiliúint agus cóimheas foirne.