



Mountain Community Children's Centre Inc.

Road Safety Policy

Rationale: Accidents can occur in motor vehicles as passengers or pedestrians on roads, driveways or car parks or on bicycles. By promoting road safety for families and children, maintaining a safe well signed car park and promoting the use of correctly fitting helmets while bike riding, we can help to minimise risk of these accidents and injuries occurring.

Aim: To prevent accident or injuries relating to children and road safety in our centre through appropriate signage and promoting road safety awareness when families use the car park and when children use wheeled toys in our centre.

Procedure:

Car Park Safety

The management committee will continue to upgrade and keep the centre car park in good repair for families to use safely.

Families need to hold your child's hand when exiting your car to enter the centre and again when leaving the centre with your children to go home. This is a safety issue especially with cars entering and exiting the centre. There are also staff entering and exiting the car park. Families are responsible for their child's safety prior to signing in and after signing out. This will ensure safety of all children in the centre carpark.

The management committee will provide adequate signage in the car park. This will inform parents about speed limits, no parking zones and the correct use of the car park as well as reminders about wearing seatbelts and holding an adult's hand when leaving the service. The car park is also a Smoke Free Area (refer to Smoke Free Environment Policy).

Parents will be required to follow these signs to minimise accident or injury to children.

Refer to Car Park Map

Staff will display appropriate posters and promote road safety during our daily program for children to become more aware of road safety issues such as wearing seatbelts and the use of helmets and holding an adults hand near roads and car parks.

Parents will be required to have their child securely strapped in by an appropriate seatbelt and restraint when arriving and departing the centre car park.

Parents will be required to follow the one-way signage of the car park and parallel park in allocated spaces. This will minimise the need for reversing within the car park.

Use of Wheeled Toys (Bicycles Scooters and Tricycles)

Staff will supervise children at all times while riding wheeled toys to ensure each child's safety and remind children about road and bike safety.

The centre will provide a safe riding track for children to use the wheeled toys on.

Helmets

All helmets should carry the Standards Australia Mark.

Children will be required to bring their own helmets to school if they wish to ride a wheeled toy. When purchasing a helmet take them along to fit the helmet properly. Do the push test, make sure the helmet is a snug fit, if you can push it backwards, forwards or sideways once you have done up the clips it is too big. The helmet should sit level on the head, covering the forehead to the rim just above the eyebrows. The straps should form a "V" shape with the plastic strap guide sitting just under the ear lobe. The buckle should be close up under the chin.

Staff will also check on a regular basis to ensure that all centre helmets are in good repair. If they are damaged they will be sent home for replacement.

Staff will assure that all wheeled toys are checked regularly to ensure that they are kept in good repair and well maintained. Refer to DAILY OUTDOOR Safety Checklist.

Staff will display appropriate posters and teach road safety issues in daily programs with the children.

Staff will attend regular training or access up to date information to maintain current road safety practices.