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## Elizabeth North Preschool

### Policy Statement

#### Alcohol, Drugs and Parents/Guardians

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The safety of all children, families, and staff accessing the preschool, occasional care, and playgroup programs is of utmost importance to us. As mandated reporters, we are required by law to report any concerns, factual or suspected, whereby we believe smoking, alcohol, or drugs are being consumed on our premises, or if we believe an adult dropping off or collecting a child is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, and/or if an adult dropping off or collecting a child is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol and driving a vehicle. All actions and reporting is done in accordance with child protection legislation and the Department of Education's [Safeguarding children and young people policy \(edi.sa.edu.au\)](http://edi.sa.edu.au), and [Child protection policies and guidelines \(education.sa.gov.au\)](http://education.sa.gov.au).

#### National Quality Standards

QA2	2.3	Health, Hygiene and safe food practices: Tobacco, drug and alcohol-free environment
	2.4	Child Protection
	2.16	Responsibilities of the approved provider, nominated supervisor and family day care educator

#### Legislative requirements

Section	174(2)(b)	An approved provider must notify the regulatory authority of a complaint that alleges a serious incident has occurred or is occurring while a child is being educated and cared for by a service, or that the National Law and/or National Regulations have been contravened
Regs	82	Tabacco, drug and alcohol free environment
	175	Prescribed information to be notified to Regulatory Authority
	176	Time to notify certain information to Regulatory Authority
Work health and Safety Act 2012		
Early Childhood Australia's Code of Ethics (2016)		
Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017		

#### Early Years Learning Framework

LO1	Children feel safe, secure and supported; Educators will make mandatory notifications on situations and events where there is factual or reasonable suspicion a child's safety is at risk.
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At the Elizabeth North Preschool we are committed to providing an environment that promotes children's health, safety and wellbeing, which includes ensuring the implementation of clear policies and procedures for reporting actual or reasonably suspected alcohol and drug use by parents/guardians.

#### Rationale

At Elizabeth North Preschool we aim to provide a safe environment for all children and educators in our care, this includes children arriving to and leaving our centre. As Mandated Notifiers, if an educator has reason to believe a parent or adult picking up a child is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol and/or they are driving, the following procedure will occur:

## Procedure

A teacher will encourage the parent to leave the child at the preschool in the educators care and arrange for another responsible adult to collect the child.

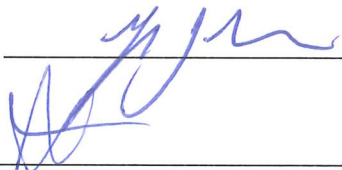
If the parent or adult believes they are not under the influence and/or are able to drive, a teacher may call the Elizabeth Police on 8207 9411 or the Police Assistance line on 131 444 who will be able to deal with this matter. Police will then perform a Breath Test and determine if the parent or adult is able to drive. If the test returns a legal driving limit then the child will be released into the parent or adults care. If the test returns an illegal driving limit then child will be cared for until a nominated adult arrives. Educators are then to notify their Line Manager of the event that takes place.

As Elizabeth North Preschool's main goal is the protection and care of all children, we remind all parents and caregivers that the safety of the child is paramount and request that you do not become abusive or upset towards educators caring for your child.

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Sources:

Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority website: [www.acecqa.gov](http://www.acecqa.gov)

Department for Education: [Safeguarding children and young people policy \(edi.sa.edu.au\)](http://Safeguarding children and young people policy (edi.sa.edu.au)), [Child protection policies and guidelines \(education.sa.gov.au\)](http://Child protection policies and guidelines (education.sa.gov.au))

Department for Child Protection: [Mandated notifiers and their role](http://Mandated notifiers and their role) | [Department for Child Protection](http://Department for Child Protection)