



ROAD SAFETY POLICY

AIM

The preschool promotes the education and implication of current road safety with the children and their families.

OUTCOMES

1. The children will be protected around roads whilst in the preschool environment and on excursions.
2. Children and families will be aware of current passenger/pedestrian and play safety at preschool as well as be provided with current state legislation via media releases.

PROCEDURE

The preschool will

- Educate all families and children in current road and pedestrian safety
- Promote safety with educational posters and signs (e.g. Hold hand/shut gate sign on the gate: play safety; and passenger safety.)
- The Educational Leader to annually check 'kids and traffic' sources for current information
- Provide information to families and provide 'real-life learning' in the traffic environment
- Provide safety door stickers to all families with information pamphlet

The staff will

- Provide learning environments for the children to explore and establish an understanding of road safety issues, and procedures before heading out on an excursion
- Include passenger/pedestrian/play safety education in programming
- Provide current information in the form of posters, handouts and newsletters
- Attend 'kids and traffic' workshops and in-services inclusive of road and pedestrian safety online or in person.
- Model passenger/pedestrian/play safe behaviour
- Promote bike safety e.g. Wearing a helmet; and traffic safety;
- Educate children and families on preschool safe arrival and departure (e.g. Gate awareness, holding hands; seeking staff assistance when a baby is sleeping in the car-phone call)
- Promote children wearing seatbelts in the back seat of the car with approved booster seat, checking throughout the trip.
- Ensure children wear seatbelts on excursions when available and are securely put into each belt, checking throughout the trip.
- Ensure children are attached to an adult (even if not directly) on all excursions and promote safety measures throughout the outing.
- Use excursions as opportunities to discuss passenger/pedestrian/play safety issues
- Provide bike rack to support village children riding to preschool with the family.