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Policy on health and safety

Nuclear emergency

Policy Statement

This setting believes that the health and safety of children is of paramount importance. We make our setting a safe and healthy place for children, parents, staff and volunteers by assessing and minimising the hazards and risks to enable the children to thrive in a healthy and safe environment.

We have produced this policy and procedures because we are situated in the public information zone around the Devonport site.

If there is a nuclear emergency, people could be exposed to gamma radiation (like x-rays) and to beta radiation. In some circumstances radioactive material could escape from the Devonport site and affect areas close to, or downwind of it.

If necessary, the Police will co-ordinate an emergency response plan to protect people. There is no risk of an “atom bomb” type explosion

We have been advised that doors and windows must be kept closed so please **DO NOT come to collect your child/ren as it would put staff in the awkward position of refusing to let you in.**

One of the procedures would be to administer Potassium Iodate tablets to all staff and children. We will have a supply of these delivered to the Centre in such an emergency.

The administration is a personal choice issue, and we would like your permission to administer these in the unlikely event of an emergency. Please fill in the CONSENT SECTION ON THE REGISTER

Procedures

You will be informed either by;

Hearing the Dockyard siren give the emergency signal (10 seconds on 10 seconds off – wailing note)

OR

Loud hailer broadcast throughout the area.

OR

A combination of the above.

On hearing the emergency warning, members of staff will;

- 1/ Go indoors and keep children in their areas.
- 2/ Close all windows doors and ducts
- 3/ Turn off oven, burners or any type of flame.
- 4/ Nominate a member of staff to await delivery of Potassium Iodate tablets
Check dosage.
- 5/ Record issue of Potassium Iodate tablets and time given.
- 6/ Listen to the local TV and Radio for more instructions.
- 7/ Do not make mobile or land line phone calls

DO NOT LEAVE THE BUILDING. DO NOT USE TELEPHONES.

DO NOT OPEN DOORS OR WINDOWS.

Wait for further instruction from Senior Management.

This policy was adopted on

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