

ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY

Policy statement: accident and emergency

It is my absolute priority to keep children safe while they are in my care.

My premises have been checked and they meet the national standards for childminding outlined by Ofsted. I also regularly review, update and practice safety routines.

As a registered childminder, I am legally required to have a valid first-aid certificate within six months of starting childminding. I can administer basic first-aid treatment, and my first-aid box is clearly labelled and easily accessible. It is stored in my kitchen. Parent contact numbers are with the first-aid box.

I hold written permission from parents to get emergency treatment from their child if it is needed.

Procedure (how I will put the statement into practice)

If there is an accident:

- Firstly, I will reassure the injured child while making sure that the other children in my care are safe. This may mean strapping a baby in a buggy or sitting an older child somewhere safe where they can be seen.
- If possible, I will deal with the accident. If not, I will ring 999 for help.
- If I have to accompany or take a child to hospital, I will either take the other children with me, or call my emergency back-up cover. This will be another registered childminder or known responsible adult. These people will be known to you and are named below.

If there is an accident or emergency, my emergency back-up cover may contact you and you will be expected to collect your child straight away.

If I manage to deal with the accident myself, then I will contact the parents immediately.

If I accompany or take a child to hospital, I will contact the parents and ask them to meet me at the hospital.

If I have the accident, I will get the nearest responsible adult to help, while my emergency back-up people are being contacted.

I will do my best at all times to make sure the children in my care are safe, reassured and kept calm.

Emergency back-up cover

Back-up registered childminder	
Known responsible adult	

By signing below the parent(s) have read and agreed with the following statements:

- I have read and understand the Emergency and Accident Policy.
- I give my permission for the named emergency back-up people to have my contact details for use in an emergency.
- I give permission for my child to be taken to hospital and be given emergency treatment providing every effort has been made to contact me.

Childminder's name	
Childminder's signature	
Parent(s)' name	
Parent(s)' signature	
Date	

Meeting the National Childminding Standards

**National Standards for Under Eights Day Care and Childminding
Safety - Standard 6**

The National Standards for Under Eights Day Care and Childminding state that "the registered person takes positive steps to promote safety within the setting and on outings and ensures proper precautions are taken to prevent accidents."