# SAND PIT POLICY

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1 NQS

| QA2 | 2.3.2 | Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and any hazard likely to cause injury. |

2 National Regulations

| Regs | 168 | Child safe environment policies and procedures |

3 Aim

To ensure sand pits are clean and safe for all users.

The Kids’ Uni Policies and Procedures apply to Kids’ Uni North, Kids’ Uni South, South Coast Workers Child Care Centre, Kids Uni iC – Preschool, After School Care and Vacation Care (Kids’ Uni OOSH).

4 Related Policies

- Animal and Pet Policy (CHI-ADM-POL-006)
- Incident, Injury, Illness or Trauma Policy (CHI-ADM-POL-034)
- Physical Activity Promotion Policy (CHI-ADM-POL-045)
- Physical Environment Policy (CHI-ADM-POL-046)

5 Implementation

5.1 In order to ensure our sand pit is always a safe and hygienic place for children to play and learn we will:

i. Construct sandpits so that they have adequate drainage.

ii. Ensure the sand is at least 500mm deep, and replenish the sand when it drops 100mm below the top of edge of the sandpit.

iii. Rake sand pits before use and at regular intervals each day and remove any dangerous or foreign matter such as animal or human faeces and urine which could cause illness or infection in children or educators.

iv. The sandpit is adequately shaded when used by children, and that the shade structures can be removed so sunshine can disinfect the sand.

v. Ensure any natural elements that we incorporate in to the sandpit (eg boulders) are positioned so they are stable, cannot be moved and have their sharp edges removed or rounded off. Boulders should be large enough to sit on or used as building platforms.

vi. Remove toys from the sandpit at the end of each day.

vii. Turn the sand over monthly to aerate it.

viii. Clean the sand by regularly exposing it to sunshine and fresh air which are the most effective disinfectants.

ix. Change sand at least annually but preferably every 6 months.

x. Use washed beach or river sand. (Builders’ brick sand is not suitable) and the timber used is treated with Copper Chromium Arsenate (CCA).

xi. Cover sand pits when they are not in use.
xii. Ensure children and educators wash their hands with soap and water after playing in the sandpit.

5.2 If sand is contaminated by animal or human faeces, blood or other body fluids remove all children from the sandpit and then:
   i. Use a shovel and dispose of the contaminated sand in a plastic bag. Educators will wear suitable protective clothing.
   ii. Rake remaining sand at regular intervals during the day and leave exposed to the sun.
   iii. Change sand completely if it is contaminated extensively.

6 Sources
Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
National Quality Standard
Staying Healthy Preventing Infectious diseases in early childhood education and care services 5th edition 2012
NHMRC
Sandpits Fact Sheet 2013 Kidsafe NSW
Timber in play spaces Fact Sheet 2013 Kidsafe NSW
Work Health and Safety Act 2011
Work Health and safety Regulation 2011

7 Review
This policy will be reviewed every 2 years and the review will include Management, Employees, Families and Interested Parties.

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