

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

The EYFS is the statutory framework in England. The latest version is here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>

The requirements of the EYFS in relation to emergencies state:

- Childminders must take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children, assistants, and others on the premises in the case of fire or any other emergency.
- Childminders must have an emergency evacuation procedure.
- Induction training for assistants must include information about emergency procedures.

EYFS update 1st September 2025

To future-proof this policy, the following information has been added from the EYFS 2025 update:

- Additional emergency contacts for children.
- Allergic reactions including anaphylaxis.
- Choking.

The Childcare Register

The register for children over the age of 5 years is the Childcare Register. There are 2 parts – the compulsory register and the voluntary register. The Childcare Register is here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/childminders-and-childcare-providers-register-with-ofsted/registration-requirements>

The Childcare Register does not include any direct reference to 'emergency procedures'.

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The statutory framework for children under the age of 5 years in England is the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). I must also comply with the Childcare Register requirements for children over the age of 5.

I am committed to keeping children safe and ensuring they know what to do in an emergency. Some of the ways children are kept safe include:

- Parents are asked for emergency contact information and 2 additional emergency contacts in case they cannot be reached.
- All children are involved in regular fire practices.
- Children are taught to follow adult instructions if there is an emergency while they are on an outing.
- I follow latest advice on safety from the fire service – to exit the premises with the children and call 999 to request the attendance of the fire service and ambulance if required.
- In the event of an emergency, I will make every effort to contact parents, or the child's emergency contacts, and ask for the child to be collected as quickly as possible.
- If a child has an allergic reaction and appears to be going into anaphylactic shock, I will administer their auto injector (if available) and ring 999 and say 'anaphylaxis' to the operator.
- If a child chokes, I will use my paediatric first aid training (back blows and chest thrusts). If I cannot dislodge the obstruction, I will ring 999 and say 'choking' to the operator.

Note that incidents will be recorded and parents informed. Ofsted and / or my insurance company will be notified as required.

Fire detection and control: the following fire protection equipment is available and maintained –

- There is a fire blanket on the wall in the kitchen.
- There is a carbon monoxide detector in the kitchen.
- There are smoke detectors on all floors of the setting.

Exits are kept clear of clutter and keys to outside doors are kept in safe places and are accessible to adults. A charged mobile phone is kept on the premises in case of emergency.

If you have any questions, please ask. Thank you.

Signed:

Review date:



Policy updates

Updated 08.2021: wording reviewed and adapted where relevant to comply with the changes to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

Updated 08.2023 – general wording check to ensure policy is current and valid.

Updated 01.2025 - general wording check to ensure policy is current and valid.

*Add information that parents will be asked for 2 additional emergency contacts.

*Anaphylaxis procedures added.

*Choking procedures added.

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