

St. Andrews Child Care

**ENHANCED
SAFETY PLAN**

Affiliated with Rivercrest Early Learning and Child Care

Facility Number: 101669

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FACILITY OVERVIEW

St Andrews Child Care

18 St Andrews Road, St. Andrews

Date Developed: April 2015

Last Revised: July 15, 2019

Last Reviewed: February 2020

Reviewed and Approved by:

Fire authority Child care coordinator Board of directors

Copies provided to:

- all supervisory staff and designated alternates
- child care coordinator
- posted in each separate area for easy reference by all staff and the fire authority
- owner/landlord (Lord Selkirk School Division)

Purpose

This safety plan is designed to provide guidance and direction to staff and the board of directors. This will help ensure the safety of the children, families, staff and visitors to our child care centre. It establishes clear and concise policy and procedures:

- to prepare staff on what to do in the event of different types of emergencies
- to evacuate safely to our designated place of shelter
- to shelter-in-place when it is safer to remain in the centre
- to close the centre due to severe weather, health-related or other emergencies
- to ensure the safety of children with anaphylaxis (life-threatening allergies)
- to ensure safe indoor and outdoor environments
- to control visitor access

Delegation of Authority

The Executive Director (or designated alternate) maintains the authority to declare an emergency situation and implement evacuation, shelter-in-place or closure procedures. This responsibility includes communications with parents and the media.

First Designated Alternate: Assistant Director

Second Designated Alternate: Supervisor

Third Designated Alternate: Senior ECE in Preschool

Communication

Each room has a cordless phone which can be used to communicate to other phones (room-to-room calling). There is a stationary phone in the staff room. The video intercom system also has a function which allows staff to communicate to other rooms by using the units. They are placed in the Infant Room, Preschool 1, Preschool 2, front door, and back door.

When outside in the playground, staff use the video intercom to communicate with staff inside the centre. When on outings away from the centre, staff take personal cell phones.

Children, Staff and Building Personnel

Children

Licensed for maximum of 40 spaces aged 12 weeks to 6 years including:

8 children aged 12 weeks to 2 years

32 children aged 2 to 6 years

Staffing

13 staff including: Executive Director (Part-time), Assistant Director, 4 ECE's, 6 CCA's and 1 cook.

The Executive Director is responsible for 2 centres and spends a portion of each day at each centre.

Building personnel

The building is owned by Lord Selkirk School Division. St. Andrews Child Care is responsible for ensuring all fire and mechanical equipment is inspected and maintained as well as for repairs and maintenance to the building.

Building Description

The centre is located on school property but not attached to the school building.

3608 square foot, wooden structure, single-occupant, one level (plus cistern below grade)

Day Care Centre – B2 Occupancy

Spaces Used by Centre

The building is a self-contained centre including one infant and two preschool play rooms, kitchen, staff room, office, storage room and accessible staff washroom. There is an attached mechanical room, which is only accessible by doors on the exterior of the building.

Exits

Main Exit: Front door (North)

Alternate Exit: Side door (East)

Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

The building has electric boilers that service an in-floor section of the building as well as hydronic coils situated in air handlers in the mechanical room. The ventilation for the heat/cool is through these air

handlers with 2 heat pumps on the west side of the building that allow for heat/cool (ie. in-floor and radiant heating)

Fire Safety Equipment and Locations

Security System

The security system includes an intrusion alarm, monitored smoke and CO alarms.

Key pad located: Front entrance

Monitored by: XL Alarms

Fire Alarm System

Single stage system. Signal is sent to the monitoring company which contacts the fire department. The system includes hard-wired smoke detectors in the hallway and hard wired smoke alarms (with back up batteries in each unit) in each playroom, pull stations, emergency lighting and sprinklers. The sprinkler system runs off a natural gas powered generator.

Fire Alarm System Control panel located: by the front door

Monitored by: XL alarms at 204-231-1072

Fire Alarm Pull Stations

Locations: One at the main entrance, two in the hallway, one at the rear entrance.

Fire Department Connection

To the left of the front door near mechanical room

Smoke Alarms

Interconnected hard-wired smoke alarms with 9V battery in each unit are located in each playroom.

Back-up batteries should be replaced at least annually.

Installed: April/2015

Replacement Date: April/2025

Battery-Operated Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Not required by local fire authority as there is no risk of CO exposure in building

Indicate battery type eg 7 year lithium or AA units as they require different types of maintenance and locations. Check unit, packaging and/or manual to know when unit should be replaced.

Located: **Infant Room, Preschool #1**

Installed: April/2015

Replacement Date: April/2022

Portable fire extinguishers

- front entrance
- rear entrance
- kitchen
- mechanical room
- laundry room

- infant room

Utility Shut-off Locations

Shut-off instructions are posted by each utility.

Water main: Mechanical Room Main natural gas valve: at generator location

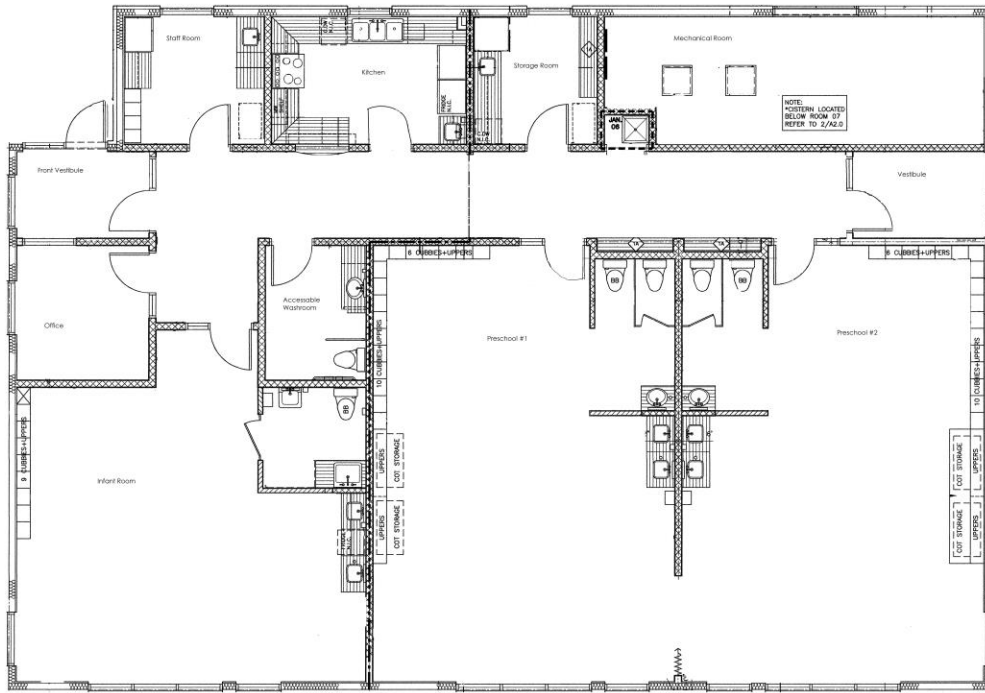
Furnace: Mechanical Room Air conditioner: On unit

Water heater: Mechanical Room Electrical panel: Mechanical Room

The following are identified on the electrical panel in the Mechanical Room:

- furnace
- air conditioner
- water heater
- clothes dryer
- exhaust fans in kitchens, bathrooms and any other spaces

EMERGENCY FLOOR PLAN



EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Emergency evacuation procedures will be used in case of:

- fire
- a chemical or hazardous materials accident inside of the centre
- a suspected natural gas leak
- high level of carbon monoxide (CO) indicated by CO alarm

Emergency evacuation procedures may be also used in situations such as:

- bomb threat
- threatening behaviour inside the building
- a chemical accident in the area outside of the centre
- a health-related emergency such as utility failure or sewage back up

CAUTION: Fire doors in centre hallway close automatically when the fire alarm is sounded.

Executive Director, Assistant Director and/or housekeeping staff should provide assistance in the infant room first.

In Case of Fire

Staff should:

1. Ensure everyone evacuates fire area immediately.
2. Close doors to fire area.
3. Pull fire alarm bell.
4. Notify Executive Director (or designated alternate) as to the location of the fire.
5. Proceed with evacuation following steps in *Upon Hearing Fire Alarm (or Instructions from Executive Director)*.

Suspicion of Gas Leak IMPORTANT - Do NOT pull fire alarm bell

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Verbally notify staff to evacuate the building.
2. Direct senior staff to lead *Evacuation Procedures*.
3. Call 911 for fire department and state nature of emergency and address.
4. Proceed with evacuation following steps in *Upon Hearing Fire Alarm (or Instructions from Executive Director)*.

Upon Hearing CO Alarm IMPORTANT - Do NOT pull fire alarm bell

Staff should:

1. Verbally notify the Executive Director (or designated alternate) immediately.

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Check with staff in all child care areas to see if any children or staff are showing signs or symptoms of CO exposure such as headaches, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, weakness, drowsiness, etc.
2. If anyone is showing signs and symptoms, direct senior staff in each playroom to begin **IMMEDIATELY Evacuation Procedures** following steps in *Upon Hearing Fire Alarm (or Instructions from Executive Director)*.

If no one is showing signs or symptoms, direct staff and children to put on jackets, boots, etc for protection in cold weather and begin evacuation following steps in *Upon Hearing Fire Alarm (or Instructions from Executive Director)*.

3. Call 911 for Fire Department and tell them:
 - That CO alarm has been activated in a child care centre
 - If any staff or children are showing any signs/symptoms or not
 - That centre is evacuating

Upon Hearing Fire Alarm (or Instructions from Executive Director)

All children, staff and visitors should:

1. Stop all activities immediately.
2. Follow directions of senior staff to evacuate building.
3. Meet in the assembly area outside of the centre: on sidewalk by parking area (away from drop off loop that will be used by fire department).

Senior Staff in Each Playroom should:

1. Preschool Rooms: Direct staff to gather with children and visitors by the inside of playroom door. Count children.
Infant Room: Direct staff to get the evacuation crib and place children inside crib. Assign additional staff to carry children. Count children.
2. Assign specific tasks below to additional staff when available.

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3. Bring the following items:
 - Attendance record (with floor plan attached).
 - Emergency backpack (including first aid kit, child information records, staff emergency information and contact information for schools/transportation services).
 - Backpack with fire blankets for protection in cold weather (if it is safe to do so).
 - When applicable, required medications and specialized equipment for children with additional support needs if essential to their immediate safety and it is safe to do so.
4. Conduct a sweep of the playroom looking for any remaining children or adults.
5. Close all doors and windows, time permitting.
6. Lead evacuation out of the building.
7. Help children who require additional assistance.
8. Take attendance in the assembly area.
9. Report evacuation status to Executive Director (or designated alternate).

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Conduct a sweep of the centre looking for any remaining children or adults, if safe to do so.
2. Close all doors and windows, time permitting.
3. Call **911** to ensure fire department is aware of the situation.
4. Review attendance record received from staff. Confirm that all children, staff and visitors are accounted for.
5. Advise the fire department of evacuation status (for example, complete with no possibility that any child care staff, children or visitors are unaccounted for).
4. Notify St. Andrews School about the situation.
5. Take direction from fire department.
6. Direct staff to return inside or proceed to designated place of shelter upon direction from fire department.
7. If staff and children proceed to designated place of shelter before fire department arrives, call 911 to inform fire department of evacuation status.
8. Post the name, location and contact number of the designated place of shelter on the outside door.
9. Prepare a written statement to relay to parents by telephone, e-mail or text to let them know the children are safe, where to pick them up and whether they need to come early.

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10. Assign specific staff to contact parents with prepared statement using centre's cell phone and office phone in designated place of shelter.
11. Record an outgoing message on the centre's voice mail system.
12. Contact staff on outings to return to designated place of shelter, not the centre.
13. When applicable, contact schools/transportation services and advise that the children cannot come to the centre until further notice. Make necessary arrangements for children's care.
14. Be available to discuss event with parents when they pick up children.

After the event, the Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Write and distribute a short letter telling parents about the event and any follow-up steps that will be taken.
2. Tell the Child Care Coordinator about the event.
3. If necessary, call the Regional Health Authority to access the community crisis/trauma response team within 24 hours of the event for advice, resources or in-person support.

DESIGNATED PLACE OF SHELTER AWAY FROM THE CENTRE

St. Andrews Community Club

28A St. Andrews Road

204-338-7512

The centre has a key and security code to access the club in the event of an emergency.

EVACUATION AND SHELTER-IN-PLACE PRACTICE DRILLS

The following procedures are used to ensure the safety of children and adults in our centre.

Evacuation and shelter-in-place practice drills are documented on the Evacuation and Shelter-in-Place Drill Record form and maintained on file for at least one year. Staff and children are not told in advance of the drills. Parents and visitors are required to participate in the drill when in the centre and follow the direction of staff.

Emergency Evacuation Drills

- minimum of one evacuation drill per month using a pull station and fire alarm system
- using alternate exit routes
- at different times of the day with varying numbers of staff
- a nap-time evacuation at least once annually
- complete evacuation to our designated place of shelter at least once a year

Use of Fire Alarm Manual Pull Stations

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

- notify alarm company of the drill, that a pull station will be used and that the fire department should not be notified to respond
- make sure the alarm is reset immediately after the drill

Shelter-in-Place Drills

- minimum of one shelter-in-place drill every year

After Evacuation or Shelter-in-Place Practice Drills

- Executive Director (or designated alternate) will post this information for families
- staff will try to discuss the drill with each family at departure time, particularly if their child found it interesting or upsetting

CENTRE CLOSURE PROCEDURES

The following procedures and communication policies will be used in the event of partial or full day closure of the centre due to:

- weather-related emergencies such as a severe winter storm
- health-related emergencies such as a utility failure or the outbreak of illness
- floods
- forest fires

Closure of centre for portion of day

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Contact parents by telephone, e-mail or text message. Advise them to pick up their children early at centre or at designated place of shelter. Provide staff with a scripted statement to use if helping notify parents.
2. Contact emergency contacts designated by parents, if parents cannot be reached.
3. Post a note on the outside door with the name, location and phone number for the designated place of shelter. Include the centre's cell number.
4. Advise all staff not there at the time.
5. When applicable, inform schools/transportation services used by kindergarten children.

Closure of centre for the full day

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Attempt to contact all families and staff the previous evening or early in the morning by telephone, e-mail or text message. Provide staff with a scripted statement to use if helping notify parents.
2. Arrange to have the closure announced on the following radio stations: CJOB, Hot 103 and QX104.
3. Post closure on St. Andrews Child Care Inc. website.
4. Record an outgoing message on the centre's voice mail system.
5. Post a note on the outside door, if possible.
6. When applicable, inform schools/transportation services used by kindergarten children.

Additional steps to prepare for closure due to flooding or forest fire

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Make sure signs showing the locations of utility shut-offs and instructions are posted. Periodically review with designated alternate.
2. Turn off the basement furnace, main power switch and the outside gas valve, time permitting.
3. Take important documents such as child and staff information and financial records, time permitting.

Additional steps if our building is flooded

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Notify and consult school division personnel.
2. Contact Manitoba Hydro to disconnect power at the pole and make sure it is safe to re-enter the centre.
3. Schedule the cleaning, service and replacing of main circuit panels, light switches, electrical sockets, appliances, furnaces, etc by certified technicians.
4. Make arrangements to have all wiring inspected by a qualified electrician before turning power on.
5. Make arrangements for the natural gas to be turned on by a qualified professional.
6. Schedule appropriate cleaning for all flooded areas.
7. Contact parents and staff with an expected reopening date.

After partial or full day closure

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Write and distribute a short letter telling parents about the event and any follow-up steps that will be taken.
2. Tell the Child Care Coordinator about the event.
3. If necessary, call the Regional Health Authority to access the community crisis/trauma response team within 24 hours of the event for advice, resources or in-person support.
4. Contact fire and public health inspectors and the child care coordinator. Depending on the reason for closure, there may be requirements or recommendations to reopen centre.

CONTROLLING FIRE HAZARDS and INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT

The following procedures will be used to ensure requirements under the Manitoba Fire Code are met to reduce and prevent the risk of fire by:

- controlling fire hazards
- inspecting and maintaining fire safety equipment

Documentation File

The following documentation will be maintained by the Executive Director for review by the fire inspector. The designated alternate will know the location of this file, which will contain:

- copies of safety checklists used to document daily, monthly and annual checks to control fire hazards and inspect and maintain fire safety equipment
- fire protection system annual inspection report by a qualified technician
- inspection and maintenance records for battery-operated carbon monoxide alarms
- inspection and maintenance records for hard-wired smoke alarms with back-up batteries
- heating system annual inspection report by a qualified heating contractor
- fire extinguishers annual inspection report by a certified agency
- evacuation and shelter-in-place practice drill record

These following items have been integrated into our Safety Checklists to document the checks required on a daily, monthly and annual basis.

Daily Inspections and Maintenance

1. Fire alarm power indicator and trouble indicator lights are functioning.
2. Evacuation procedures and floor plans are prominently posted in each room.
3. Exit signs are easy to see and lit.
4. Corridors and exits are unobstructed and properly lit.
5. Exits from building and playground exit and are free of snow and ice. There is a minimum of three meters (about 10 feet) cleared of snow outside of exit. There is a cleared path so that everyone can move further away from the building.
6. Fire doors are NOT wedged or blocked open.

7. Electrical appliances are unplugged when not in use (toaster, coffee maker, etc.)
8. All electrical outlets have covers in place.
9. Lint traps in laundry equipment are cleaned after each use.

Monthly Inspections and Maintenance

1. Exit doors are readily opened from the inside without the use of keys or other locking devices.
2. Fire department access is unobstructed. For example, no vehicles may be parked in a fire route/lane. There is no excessive vegetation, snow or other obstructions to access routes, fire hydrant and fire department connections.
3. All fire extinguishers are checked to make sure:
 - proper type
 - hung in required locations
 - labelled
 - ready for use
 - tagged
 - properly charged (arrow in green zone)
 - monthly check documented on tag and on practise drill record
10. Hard-wired smoke alarms with back-up batteries are checked to ensure proper function (documented).
11. Battery-operated carbon monoxide alarms are checked to ensure proper function (documented).
12. Storage are checked to make sure:
 - combustible materials have not built up in, storage room, mechanical room, etc.
 - combustible materials are not stored next to water heaters and heating equipment
 - propane cylinders are not stored inside building
 - there is at least 18 inches clearance between storage and sprinkler heads
13. Inspection documentation maintained for review by fire inspector for:
 - emergency lights inspection to make sure they work if the power fails
 - rotating use of fire alarm manual pull stations for monthly evacuation – documented on evacuation drill record form

Annual Inspections and Maintenance

Inspection documentation maintained for review by fire inspector for the following:

1. Fire extinguishers are inspected by certified agency (also documented on tag).
2. Back-up batteries for hard-wired smoke alarms are replaced at least annually (documented).
3. Battery-operated smoke alarm units are replaced as indicated by fire alarm company.
4. Batteries for battery-operated carbon monoxide alarms are replaced at least annually (documented).
5. Battery-operated carbon monoxide alarm units are replaced in **April 2022.**
6. Heating system is inspected by qualified heating contractor.
7. Fire protection systems are inspected by a certified technician:
 - emergency lighting
 - fire alarm system
 - sprinkler system
 - emergency generator
 - fire pump
 - hard-wired smoke detectors

WEATHER-RELATED EMERGENCIES

The following procedures will be used in the event of the following in our area:

- winter storms
- flooding
- forest fires
- tornadoes
- severe thunderstorms

Preparation

To prepare to care for children outside of regular centre hours or during a utility failure, the Executive Director (or designated alternate) will ensure that:

- non-perishable food and water is stored and replenished at least annually
- flashlights and battery operated lights with fresh batteries are available in all areas of the centre
- fresh batteries are available for the weather radio or portable radio
- signs indicating locations of utility shut-offs and instructions are posted and reviewed periodically with designated alternate

Winter Storm, Flood and Forest Fire Procedures

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Monitor appropriate source listed below when there is potential for severe weather, flooding or forest fires:
 - Environment Canada for weather watches and warnings on weather radio or local media
 - Manitoba Water Stewardship's Hydrologic Forecast Centre website (manitoba.ca/waterstewardship/floodinfo) and local media during the spring run off period and during other high water advisories for the area
 - Manitoba Conservation Fire Program website (manitoba.ca/conservation/fire/) as well as local media during forest fire season from April to October
2. Notify staff in playground to bring children inside in the event of a severe weather warning.
3. Notify any groups on outings to return or take indoor shelter immediately.
4. Notify staff at Rivercrest ELCC Centre and provide direction.
5. Reschedule outdoor play and all outings away from the centre.

6. Post information indicating that there may be a need for closure and reminding parents how the closure will be communicated.

Additional steps for severe winter weather watch/warning or a blizzard warning

1. Executive Director and the board chair will consult on the need for emergency closure.
2. Follow *Emergency Closure Procedures* if required.

Additional steps when there is potential for flooding or forest fire

1. Executive Director and the board chairperson will consult on the need for an emergency closure based on the information available from emergency response officials.
2. Executive Director (or designated alternate) will:
 - advise parents and staff if a decision is made to close the centre
 - follow all instructions from emergency response officials
 - remind parents to listen to local media and emergency response officials for evacuation orders and assume that the centre will be closed until further notice
3. Follow *Emergency Closure Procedures* if required.

Tornado or Severe Thunderstorm Procedures

Staff should:

1. Immediately contact the Executive Director (or designated alternate) if aware of a severe thunderstorm or tornado warning/sighting in the area.

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Monitor the situation using information from Environment Canada on the weather radio.
2. Direct senior staff in each play room to:
 - Not to use electrical equipment and avoid using the telephone.
 - To guide children to stay away from windows, doors, radiators, stoves, metal pipes, sinks or other electrical charge conductors.
 - To make sure flashlights and battery operated lights with fresh batteries are available in all areas of the centre.
 - To unplug all electrical appliances such as TVs, radios and toasters.

3. Make decision to enact *Shelter-in-Place Procedures: Tornado*.
4. Notify staff at Rivercrest ELCC Centre and provide direction.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE PROCEDURES: TORNADO

Protective Space:

Infant Room – staff washroom

Preschool rooms – hallway between the front vestibule and fire doors

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Direct senior staff in each playroom to lead *Shelter-in-Place Procedures: Tornado*.
2. Notify staff in playground to return indoors immediately.
3. Notify staff on outings away from centre to immediately seek the closest indoor shelter. Remind them to call back with their location.
4. When applicable, notify schools/transportation services that the children cannot come to the centre until further notice. Make arrangements for the children's care.
5. Bring the weather radio operating on battery back-up and cell phone to protective space to monitor when it is safe to leave the protective spaces.

Senior Staff in Each Playroom should:

1. Direct staff and children to gather by playroom door. Count children before proceeding to the protective spaces.
2. Assign specific tasks below to additional staff when available.
3. Bring the following items:
 - Attendance record (with floor plan attached).
 - Emergency backpack into the protective spaces (including the first aid kit, child information records, staff emergency information, contact information for schools/transportation services).
 - When applicable, required medications and specialized equipment for children with additional support needs if it is possible to do so safely and if essential for the immediate safety of a child.
4. Help children who require additional assistance.
5. Once in protective space, take attendance to account for all children.
6. Advise Executive Director (or designated alternate) of the status of *Shelter-in-Place Procedures: Tornado*.

After the event, Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Write and distribute a short letter telling parents about the event and any follow-up steps that will be taken.
2. Tell the Child Care Coordinator about the event.
3. If necessary, call the Regional Health Authority to access the community crisis/trauma response team within 24 hours of the event for advice, resources or in-person support.

HEALTH-RELATED EMERGENCIES

The following procedures and communication policies will be used in the event of an emergency due to:

- a child's medical condition
- communicable or food-borne illness in the centre or larger community
- serious injury of a child
- utility failure or sewage backup

A Child's Medical Condition

When a child enrolls with a medical condition or is diagnosed while attending the centre, the Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Make sure Unified Referral Intake System (URIS) applications are submitted.
2. Arrange staff training by a registered nurse related to the URIS *Individual Health Care Plan/Emergency Response Plan*.
3. Update the centre's safety plan with any special considerations required for the child.
4. Store *Individual Health Care Plan/Emergency Response Plans* in the appropriate staff communication area while considering the importance of confidentiality.
5. Make sure there are processes to monitor when a child's URIS plan will expire.
6. Arrange for plan to be updated and staff retraining to be conducted every year.
7. See the *Anaphylaxis* section for additional policies and procedures related specifically to life-threatening allergies.

Communicable or Food-Borne Illness

Prevention

The following procedures are used to prevent outbreaks of communicable or food-borne illness:

- routine health practices
- cleaning and sanitizing schedules
- safe food handling practices
- disposable gloves are worn any time staff's hands may come in direct contact with blood (or body fluids containing blood) or staff have open cuts or sores on their hands
- staff monitor children's health and ask parents about unusual symptoms observed in children (diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, etc.)

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- staff encourage parents to inform the centre of diagnosed illness after a visit to the doctor
- staff document symptoms, diagnosed illnesses or absences due to illness in the daily incident record
- a toileting log book is maintained to help identify children with diarrhea as a simple warning system of an illness outbreak

Outbreak of communicable or food-borne illness in centre

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Contact the public health nurse for requirements for specific illnesses. Be sure to ask about any special precautions for non-immunized children or pregnant staff/family members.
2. Contact the public health inspector if directed to do so by the public health nurse.
3. Inform the child care coordinator of the situation and public health authority's requirements and recommendations.
4. Notify school personnel of the situation and public health authority's requirements and recommendations.
5. Provide regular updates to the child care coordinator and public health authorities.
6. Review the following procedures with all staff and make sure procedures are diligently followed:
 - proper sneezing and coughing etiquette
 - adult hand washing procedures
 - children's hand washing procedures
 - diapering and toileting procedures
 - cleaning and sanitizing procedures
 - procedures for the proper storage, handling and serving of food
7. Notify parents of illnesses present in the centre and the symptoms to look for in their child.
8. Share resources and information with parents.
9. Advise staff of requirements from public health or other authorities and make sure requirements are followed.

Staff should:

1. Review proper hand washing procedures with the children.
2. Go over sneezing and coughing techniques with the children.
3. Monitor bathroom visits to make sure procedures are followed.

4. Clean and sanitize toys, equipment and surfaces.
5. Encourage parents to discuss any health concerns, symptoms or diagnosed illnesses.
6. Document health concerns, symptoms or diagnosed illnesses in the daily incident record.

Parents should:

1. Discuss any health concerns or symptoms with staff.
2. Tell staff about any diagnosed illnesses.

Contact with Public Health

The public health authority will be contacted for advice and direction if any of the following illnesses are present in the centre:

- any illness prevented by routine immunizations: diphtheria, measles, mumps, pertussis (whooping cough), polio and rubella
- gastrointestinal infections such as a diagnosed case of campylobacter, E. coli, giardia, rotavirus, typhoid fever, salmonella gastroenteritis, shigella gastroenteritis and yersinia gastroenteritis
- diarrhea, if there are 2 to 3 or more children within 48 hours, because it could be a serious gastrointestinal infection
- group A streptococcus (invasive diseases such as toxic shock syndrome and flesh-eating disease)
- haemophilus influenza type b (Hib)
- hepatitis A virus (HAV)
- impetigo, if there is more than one diagnosed case in the same room within a month
- meningitis
- meningococcal disease
- strep throat and scarlet fever, if there are more than two diagnosed cases within a month
- tuberculosis

Public health will also be contacted about any bite that breaks the skin as blood tests may be required.

Notification to Parents and Staff

1. Parents and staff will be advised of any of the illnesses requiring contact with public health (above).
2. The notice will specifically advise parents to talk to their doctor and check their own child's immunization records about the following illnesses prevented by routine immunizations:

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- diphtheria
 - measles
 - mumps
 - pertussis (whooping cough)
 - polio
 - rubella
3. The notice will specifically advise staff or family members who are or may become pregnant that they should talk to their doctor and check their immunization status for the following illnesses:
- chicken pox
 - parvovirus B19 (fifth disease or “slapped cheek” syndrome)
 - rubella
 - measles
 - mumps
 - CMV (cytomegalovirus)

Additional steps: Outbreak of communicable or food borne illness in larger community

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Monitor and respond to warnings from Manitoba Health and Healthy Living, Health Canada or the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Be sure to visit their websites for additional information.
2. Advise all staff of recommendations from Manitoba Health, Health Canada, the Food Inspection Agency, the public health inspector or the child care coordinator.
3. Make sure staff at St. Andrews ELCC and Rivercrest ELCC Centre follow recommendations.

Serious Injury of a Child

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Help make the decision to provide first aid at the centre or call an ambulance.
2. Contact the parents or emergency contacts if parents cannot be reached.

Injury requiring first aid

Staff should:

1. Provide first aid according to the principles learned in their first aid training.
2. Document the incident as quickly as possible and provide an incident report to the parents and Executive Director (or designated alternate).
3. Complete an assessment of the factors related to the incident. If necessary, make changes to prevent injuries.

Injury requiring medical attention

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Call 911 for an ambulance.
2. Provide a copy of the parent's permission for emergency medical treatment.
3. Accompany the child to the hospital with a copy of the parent's permission for emergency medical treatment, if parents are not at the centre.

Staff should:

1. Attend to the child according to the principles learned in their first aid training until paramedics arrive.
2. Document the incident as quickly as possible.
3. Provide an incident report to the parents and Executive Director (or designated alternate).

After the event, Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Complete an assessment of the factors related to the incident. If necessary, make changes to prevent future injuries. Notify and consult with school division personnel if the necessary changes affect the building or major equipment.
2. Notify the child care coordinator within 24 hours by submitting a Serious Injury Notification on-line or by telephone, the centre's insurance provider and the board chair.

Utility Failure or Sewage Back up

The following procedures will be used in the event of sewage back-up or the loss of one of the following utilities:

- heat
- water
- hot water
- electricity
- natural gas

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. If it is a loss of electrical power, figure out if a loss of electrical power is specific to the building or if the area is without power. If it specific to the building, see if it is a breaker that has blown and power can be restored.

If it is a loss of service, contact the appropriate utility immediately to report the problem and get an estimated length of time without service.

If a repair is required, notify and consult with the school division. Arrange for repair service and get an estimated length of time without service.

2. Contact the public health inspector to complete a risk assessment. The loss of any utility or sewage back-up may present a health risk to the children, staff and families.
3. Contact the local fire authority to determine if the loss of the utility or sewage back-up presents a fire safety risk (for example, fire protection systems/life safety equipment or access to exits is compromised) and if there are alternative requirements during a loss of fire protection.
4. Advise staff on procedural changes required by public health (for example, the use of hand sanitizers and single-use food handling and service items) or the fire authority (such as the requirement for a fire watch).
5. Enact *Evacuation Procedures or Emergency Closure Procedures* if required by the public health authority or fire authority.
6. Follow *Evacuation Procedures or Emergency Closure Procedures*, if required.
7. Inform the child care coordinator of situation and the requirements and recommendations from public health or fire authority.

ANAPHYLAXIS (LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIES)

The following roles and responsibilities outline the procedures that will be followed if:

- a child currently in the centre has been diagnosed with a life-threatening allergy
- a child about to enrol in the centre has been diagnosed with a life-threatening allergy

IMPORTANT - Call an ambulance immediately to take the child to the hospital when an adrenaline auto-injector is used.

The entire community has a role to play in ensuring the safety of children with a known risk of anaphylaxis in a community setting. To minimize risk of exposure and to ensure rapid response to an emergency, parents, children and centre staff must all understand and fulfill their responsibilities.

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Work as closely as possible with the parents of the child with a known risk of anaphylaxis. Regularly update emergency contacts and telephone numbers.
2. Immediately start appropriate planning for an *Individual Health Care Plan/Emergency Response Plan* that considers the age and maturity level of the child, the specific allergen and the centre's circumstances.
3. Submit a URIS application with parents, including *An Authorization for the Release of Information* form. Remind parents that it will need to be completed every year.
4. Have parents complete an *Authorization for Administration of Adrenaline Auto-Injector* form.
5. Contact the public health nurse (or contracted nursing agency if the public health nurse is not available) to develop the *Individual Health Care Plan/Emergency Response Plan* and schedule staff training.
6. Identify a contact person for the nurse.
7. Inform other parents that a child with a life-threatening allergy is in direct contact with their child (with written parental approval). Ask parents for their support and cooperation.
8. If it is not developmentally appropriate for the child to carry an auto-injector, make sure the adult responsible for that child wears it in a fanny pack. An alternative is to keep it in a safe, UNLOCKED location accessible only to the adults responsible.
9. Staff Training
 - Notify staff of the child with a known risk of anaphylaxis, the allergens and the treatment.
 - Have all staff (and possibly volunteers) receive instruction on using an auto-injector.
 - Inform all substitute staff about the presence of a child with a known risk of anaphylaxis. Be sure to advise them of the appropriate support and response, should an emergency occur.
 - Store the *Individual Health Care Plan/Emergency Response Plan* in the staff communication areas for easy access while keeping in mind the importance of confidentiality.

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- Arrange an annual in-service through the nursing service to train staff and monitor personnel involved with the child with life-threatening allergies.
10. Help with carrying out policies and procedures for reducing risk in the centre.
- Post allergy alert forms with photographs, in the staff room, kitchen, eating area and other appropriate locations (with written parental approval).
 - Develop safety procedures for field trips and extra-curricular activities.
11. Make sure there are processes to:
- Monitor when a child's Individual Health Care Plan/Emergency Response Plans will expire.
 - Annually review and submit a URIS Application form to make sure there is an Individual Health Care Plan/Emergency Response Plan for each child with a life-threatening allergy.
 - Monitor the expiry dates for children's adrenaline auto-injectors. Remind parents about expiry as needed.
 - From time to time, remind other parents in the centre how important it is to make sure packed lunches and snacks are allergen-free.

Responsibilities of all staff:

1. Receive annual URIS training in caring for a child with anaphylaxis.
2. Display a photo-poster in the child care centre (with written parental approval).
3. Discuss anaphylaxis with the other children, in age-appropriate terms.
4. Encourage children not to share lunches or trade snacks.
5. Choose products that are safe for all children in the centre (parental input is recommended).
6. Instruct children with life threatening allergies to eat only what they bring from home, if applicable.
7. Reinforce hand washing to all children before and after eating.
8. Facilitate communication with other parents.
9. Follow policies for reducing risk in eating and common areas.
10. Enforce rules about bullying and threats.
11. Leave information in an organized, prominent and accessible format for substitute staff.
12. Plan appropriately for field trips. Make sure auto-injectors are taken on field trips and emergency response plans are considered when planning the trip.

Responsibilities of the parents of a child with anaphylaxis:

1. Tell the Executive Director (or designated alternate) about the child's allergies and needs.

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2. Provide their child with an up-to-date auto-injector. If it is not developmentally appropriate for the child to carry it, parents should confirm the auto-injector is in a specified location (safe, UNLOCKED location accessible only to the adults responsible), or on the person of the adult responsible for the care of the child.
3. Make sure their child has and wears a medical identification bracelet.
4. Submit all necessary documentation as required.
5. Provide the child care centre with adrenaline auto-injectors before the expiry date.
6. Make sure that auto-injectors are taken on field trips.
7. Participate in the development of a written *Individual Health Care/Emergency Response Plan* for their child, which is updated every year.
8. Be willing to provide safe foods for their child, including special occasions.
9. Provide support to the facility and staff as required.
10. Teach their child (as developmentally appropriate):
 - to recognize the first signs of an anaphylactic reaction
 - to know where their medication is kept and who can get it
 - to communicate clearly when he or she feels a reaction starting
 - to carry his or her own auto-injector on their person (for example, in a fanny pack)
 - not to share snacks, lunch or drinks
 - to understand the importance of hand washing
 - to report bullying and threats to an adult in authority
 - to take as much responsibility as possible for his or her own safety

Responsibilities of all parents:

1. Cooperate with the child care centre to eliminate allergens from packed lunches and snacks.
2. Participate in parent information sessions.
3. Encourage children to respect the child with a known risk of anaphylaxis and centre policies.
4. Inform the staff before food products are distributed to any children in the centre.

Responsibilities of the child with anaphylaxis:

1. Take as much responsibility as possible for avoiding allergens, including checking labels and monitoring intake (as developmentally appropriate).

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2. Eat only foods brought from home, if applicable.
3. Wash hands before and after eating.
4. Learn to recognize symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction (as developmentally appropriate).
5. Promptly inform an adult as soon as accidental exposure occurs or symptoms appear (as developmentally appropriate).
6. Wear a medical identification bracelet.
7. Keep an auto-injector on their person at all times, such as in a fanny pack (as developmentally appropriate).
8. Know how to use the auto-injector (as developmentally appropriate).

Responsibilities of all children (as developmentally appropriate):

1. Learn to recognize symptoms of anaphylactic reaction.
2. Avoid sharing food, especially with children with a known risk of anaphylaxis.
3. Follow rules about keeping allergens out of the centre and washing hands (as developmentally appropriate).
4. Refrain from bullying or teasing a child with a known risk of anaphylaxis.

CHEMICAL ACCIDENT PROCEDURES

The following procedures will be used in the event of a chemical accident:

- inside of the centre (for example, the inappropriate mix of household cleaners)
- in the area outside of the centre

Chemical Accident Inside of Child Care Building

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Enact evacuation procedures immediately.
2. Direct senior staff in each playroom to follow *Evacuation Procedures*.
3. Call 911 for the fire department and state the nature of the emergency and address.

Chemical Accident Outside of Child Care Building

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Enact *Shelter-in-Place Procedures* **or** *Evacuation Procedures* based on instructions from the emergency response personnel
2. Follow: *Evacuation Procedures* **or** *Shelter-in-Place Procedures: Chemical Accident Outside of Building*

Shelter-in-Place Procedures: Chemical Accident Outside of Building

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Verbally direct senior staff in each playroom to lead *Shelter-in-Place Procedures*. Direct staff to close windows and as many internal doors as possible.
2. Notify staff in playground to return indoors immediately.
3. Make sure all exterior doors are closed and locked.
4. Turn off breakers that control air flow.
5. Notify staff on outings away from centre to immediately seek the closest indoor shelter and call back with their location.
6. Notify staff at Rivercrest ELCC Centre and provide direction.
7. Contact St. Andrews School to make sure they are aware of the situation.

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8. When applicable, notify schools/transportation services that the children cannot come to the centre until further notice. Make arrangements for the children's care.
9. Inform parents by telephone, e-mail or text message as quickly as possible. Use a scripted message, if possible.
10. Direct parents to stay away from the area and listen to the local media for further updates on the situation.
11. If there is time and it is needed, assign specific staff to take additional measures to protect indoor air: use plastic and wide masking tape to cover and seal bathroom exhaust fan covers and fax opening over stove.
12. Inform staff and children when emergency response personnel say it is safe to leave the building.

Senior Staff in Each Playroom should:

1. Lead *Shelter-in-Place Procedures*.
2. Assign specific tasks below to additional staff when available.
3. Close and lock exterior windows and close internal doors. Place a rolled up damp towel at the floor space at bottom of doors.
4. Take attendance to account for all children, staff and visitors.
5. Advise the Executive Director (or designated alternate) of the status of *Shelter-in-Place Procedures*.
6. Prepare for evacuation by:
 - Having the emergency backpack (including the first aid kit, child information records, staff emergency information, contact information for schools/transportation services) ready to go, should evacuation be ordered
 - Having required medications and specialized equipment for individual children with additional support needs ready, when applicable.

After the event, Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Write and distribute a short letter telling parents about the event and any follow-up steps that will be taken.
2. Tell the Child Care Coordinator about the event.
3. If necessary, call the Regional Health Authority to access the community crisis/trauma response team within 24 hours of the event for advice, resources or in-person support.

BOMB THREAT PROCEDURES

The following procedures describe how we will respond to:

- a bomb threat received by telephone or in writing
- a bomb threat received and suspicious item found

IMPORTANT - If a bomb threat is received and/or a suspicious package is found:

- DO NOT use any form of wireless communication (cordless phones, pagers, cell phones, Blackberries, two-way radios, etc.).
- Contact the Executive Director (or designated alternate) immediately to assess the situation.
- **Stationary (corded) Phone located:** staff room

Bomb Threat Received by Telephone or in Writing

Staff member receiving a bomb threat by telephone should:

1. Use the *Threatening Telephone Call* form to record as much information as possible.
2. Notify Executive Director (or designated alternate) IMMEDIATELY after the call and discuss information on the *Threatening Telephone Call* form.

Staff member finding a bomb threat in writing should:

1. Leave the note where it is and do **NOT** touch or move it (even if it has already been moved).
2. Notify Executive Director (or designated alternate) IMMEDIATELY.

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Direct staff **NOT** to use any form of wireless communication.
2. Determine if there is an immediate threat to safety based on the information available.
3. Call **911** using a stationary phone. Consult with police for further steps.
4. In consultation with police, determine if there is an immediate threat to safety based on the information available and decide whether or not to evacuate.
5. Notify police of the caller's phone number if call display or call trace was successful.
6. Make sure the person who answered the threatening phone call or found the written message is available to be interviewed by police.

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7. If there is an imminent threat to safety:
 - Enact *Evacuation Procedures*. Do **NOT** use fire alarm.
 - Direct senior staff in each playroom to begin *Evacuation Procedures*.
8. Call staff and children on outings away from centre (using a stationary phone). Advise staff not to return to centre until further notice or to proceed to designated place of shelter.

Senior Staff in Each Playroom should:

1. Lead the *Evacuation Procedures*.
2. If group of children from your room is outside in playground, assign specific staff to go to the playground and tell staff to gather in assembly area.

After the event, the Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Write and distribute a short letter telling parents about the event and any follow-up steps that will be taken.
2. Tell the Child Care Coordinator about the event.
3. If necessary, call the Regional Health Authority to access the community crisis/trauma response team within 24 hours of the event for advice, resources or in-person support.

If suspicious item is found but no bomb threat has been received, the Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Advise staff NOT to touch or move it (even if it has already been moved).
2. Evacuate the immediate area and close door.
3. Try to determine if it is suspicious and dangerous or if it is an ordinary item.
4. Call 911 using a stationary phone and consult with police for further steps.
5. In consultation with police, determine if there is an immediate threat to safety based on the information available and decide whether or not to evacuate.

In the case of a suspicious powdery substance, all persons believed to have had contact with it must:

1. Gather together in a separate area away from those who did not have contact.
2. Stay to get the appropriate medical assessment and treatment.

Bomb Threat and Suspicious Item

If a bomb threat is received and suspicious package, letter or object is found, there is an immediate threat to safety.

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Evacuate the immediate area where the suspicious item was found. Close the door to the area.
2. Direct staff **NOT** to use any form of wireless communication.
3. Enact the *Evacuation Procedures*. Do **NOT** use fire alarm.
4. Direct senior staff in each playroom to lead *Evacuation Procedures* using only exits routes and areas that are free of suspicious items.
5. Call staff and children on outings away from centre using a stationary phone and advise staff not to return to centre and to proceed to designated place of shelter.
6. Once at least 150 feet away from the building (can use cell phone) or at designated place of shelter:
 - Call **911** for the police and state the nature of the emergency.
 - Notify police of the caller's phone number if call display or call trace was successful.
 - Make sure the person who answered the threatening phone call (or found the written message) and found the suspicious package is available to be interviewed by police.

Senior Staff in Each Playroom should:

1. Lead the *Evacuation Procedures*.
2. If group of children from your room is outside in playground, assign specific staff to go to the playground and tell staff to gather in assembly area.

After the event, the Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Write and distribute a short letter telling parents about the event and any follow-up steps that will be taken.
2. Tell the Child Care Coordinator about the event.
3. If necessary, call the Regional Health Authority to access the community crisis/trauma response team within 24 hours of the event for advice, resources or in-person support.

THREATENING BEHAVIOUR PROCEDURES

The following procedures describe the response to threatening behaviour:

- inside the centre
- on the property or in the neighbourhood

Staff should:

1. Notify the Executive Director (or designated alternate) immediately when aware of:
 - threatening behaviour inside the centre
 - threatening behaviour on the property or in the neighbourhood (either by seeing it or being told by the police)
 - a threat made in writing or received by telephone (do not move, touch or delete the evidence)
2. Call **911** for the police if there is an immediate threat to safety.

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Tell staff in the daily staff communication log book to contact the Executive Director (or designated alternate) immediately if a person who may become threatening arrives at the centre. For example, if a person has made a threat or is extremely upset such as:
 - a recently fired staff person
 - a parent concerned about a situation at the centre
 - a parent who has become angry, violent or made threats to take a child with respect to a custody dispute
2. If the threat is received in writing, by telephone or voice mail:
 - Call the police immediately. The police can help assess the level of risk to your safety and help you decide on next steps.
 - Do not touch, move or delete the threat or evidence so the police can investigate properly.

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Threatening Behaviour Inside Centre

If the threat is in another part of the centre, stay where you are and lock the door, if not possible to lock door and it is safe to do so - go to the closest lockable room.

If the threat is in the room that you are in, take children to another room or protective space if possible, if not possible, move away from the threat behind furniture.

Lockable Doors:

All interior doors are lockable including Infant Room, Preschool 1 and Preschool 2, Office, Kitchen and Staff Room. The accordion doors closes between Preschool 1 and 1 but does not lock.

Protective Spaces:

Infant Room: If able to exit room, take children to staff washroom. If unable to leave the room, take children down low in the diapering area

Preschool 1 and Preschool 2: Depending upon the location of the threatening person in the room, take children out through the hallway door or through the accordion door. Then take children across to the storage room and kitchen and lock the door.

Senior Staff in the room with threatening individual should:

1. Attempt to move the individual away from the children into the hallway.
2. Talk to person and try to diffuse the situation.

Second staff in room with threat should:

1. Use phone intercom to alert other Executive Director /staff in other playrooms and to request assistance.
2. Alert staff to lead *Shelter-in-Place Procedures* by using code words:
"Please ask Ms. Russell to come to <name of playroom>."
3. If the individual has a weapon or is very threatening, call **911** for the police immediately.
4. If threat has been moved out of the room:
 - Lock the door to the room and cover window on side of door.
 - Turn off lights.
 - Close and lock exterior windows. DO **NOT** close blinds on exterior windows. Police need to see inside the centre.

If threat is still in the room:

- Take children to protective space as far away from threat as possible. Lock door if possible or barricade with furniture.
- Help children who need additional assistance

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- When applicable, take required medications and specialized equipment for children with additional support needs if essential to their immediate safety and it is safe to do so.
- 5. If group of children are in the playground, tell staff to take children to the designated place of shelter immediately.
- 6. Take attendance to account for all children and staff.
- 7. If safe to do so, advise Executive Director (or designated alternate) about the status of *Shelter-in-Place Procedures*.
- 8. Stay in protective spaces that are out of sight from doors and windows.
- 9. DO NOT leave protective spaces until told by the Executive Director (or designated alternate).

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Go to area with the threatening individual.
2. **If the person does not have a weapon:**
 - Talk to the person. Try to calm them down.
 - If threat becomes severe, direct specific staff to call **911** for the police.
- If the person has a weapon:**
 - Call 911 for the police immediately.
 - Take cover in the closest protective space.
3. Follow directions from the police about what to do next.
4. Give the police information about the number of children and staff and where they are.
5. As soon as possible, notify staff on outings to stay where they are or to look for indoor shelter.

Senior Staff in other rooms without the threatening person should:

1. Lock the door to the room and cover door window.
2. Turn off lights.
3. Close and lock exterior windows. DO NOT close blinds on exterior windows. Police need to see inside the centre.
4. If group of children from your room are in the playground, tell staff to take children to the designated place of shelter immediately.
5. Help children who need additional assistance.
6. Take required medications and specialized equipment for children with additional support needs if essential to their immediate safety and it is safe to do so.

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7. Take attendance to account for all children and staff.
8. If safe to do so, advise Executive Director (or designated alternate) about the status of *Shelter-in-Place Procedures*.
9. Stay in protective spaces that are out of sight from doors and windows.
10. DO NOT leave protective spaces until told by the Executive Director (or designated alternate).

After the event, the Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Write and distribute a short letter telling parents about the event and any follow-up steps that will be taken.
2. Tell the Child Care Coordinator about the event.
3. If necessary, call the Regional Health Authority to access the community crisis/trauma response team within 24 hours of the event for advice, resources or in-person support.

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Threatening Behaviour on Property or in Neighbourhood

IMPORTANT - DO NOT leave the centre until the police tell you its okay.

If the threat is on the property, direct staff and children to quickly move inside, take cover or drop to the ground, depending on the situation.

If the threat is in the neighbourhood, direct staff and children to go inside immediately.

Protective Spaces:

Infant Room – take children to the staff washroom

Preschool rooms – take children to the hallway between the fire doors and the front vestibule. Cover vestibule windows.

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Direct senior staff in each playroom to lead *Shelter-in-Place Procedures*. Tell them if the threat is on the property or in the neighbourhood.
2. Notify staff and children in the playground to come inside immediately.
3. Make sure exterior doors are closed and locked.
4. Notify staff with children on outings to stay where they are (if safe to do so) or find the closest indoor shelter. Have staff call back to say where they are.
5. Look at attendance records provided by staff to account for all children and staff.
6. When applicable, notify schools/transportation services that the children cannot come to the centre until further notice. Make plans for the children's care.
7. Call **911** to make sure police know about the situation.
8. Contact Rivercrest ELCC and provide direction if the situation may affect the centre.
9. Contact St. Andrews School to make sure they know about the situation.
10. Monitor the situation. Follow directions from the police about what to do next.
11. Tell staff when it is safe to leave the protective spaces as directed by the police.

Senior Staff in Each Playroom should:

1. **If the threat is in the neighbourhood** - direct staff to gather with children away from exterior windows and doors.

If the threat is on the property – go into protective spaces (take attendance record and required medications and specialized equipment for children with additional support needs if essential to their immediate safety and it is safe to do so).

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2. Close and lock exterior windows. Close blinds on exterior windows.
3. Assign specific tasks below to additional staff when available.
4. Help children who need additional assistance.
5. Take attendance to account for all children.
6. Advise Executive Director (or designated alternate) of status of *Shelter-in-Place Procedures*.
7. DO NOT leave centre until advised by the Executive Director (or designated alternate).

After the event, the Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Write and distribute a short letter telling parents about the event and any follow-up steps that will be taken.
2. Tell the Child Care Coordinator about the event.
3. If necessary, call the Regional Health Authority to access the community crisis/trauma response team within 24 hours of the event for advice, resources or in-person support.

CONTROLLING VISITOR ACCESS

The following procedures describe how we control and monitor visitor access to ensure:

- staff are aware when parents and children arrive or depart
- staff are aware of expected or unexpected visitors
- people who do not belong in the centre are prevented from entering unnoticed

Preparation

- There are policies that ask parents to tell staff when someone else will pick up their child. If staff don't know the person, they will ask for ID.
- Staff are told about custody arrangements and what to do if the non-custodial parent arrives at a time outside of the arrangements.
- Parents are informed in the parent policy manual that staff need to be told when there are changes to who is allowed to pick up their child. Staff then update the designated pick up list for that child.
- Parents and staff are informed in the parent and staff manual to be cautious and not allow other people to enter the centre as they are entering or exiting the centre.
- When visitors are expected, staff note it in the staff log book so all staff are aware. For example, this may include a different pick-up person, a utility repair person or practicum supervisor for an early childhood education student.
- If the visitor is unknown to the staff, staff must ask to see identification.
- Expected visitors are welcomed and escorted to the appropriate area in the centre.
- When we learn during the enrolment process, in an Inclusion Support Program meeting or through observation, that a child has a tendency to leave areas unescorted or is not fearful of strangers, all staff are informed. Staff are also required to pay particular attention to make sure the child remains safe.

Controlling and Monitoring Visitor Access

1. All outside doors are locked throughout the day.
2. When arriving at the centre, all staff, parents and visitors must use the designated entrance which is equipped with a video intercom and a swipe card system.
 - Staff and parents have a swipe card to gain entry to the building. Executive Director is responsible to make sure that access is updated when there are changes such as a staff leaving employment or a change to access outlined in child custody orders.
 - Individuals without a swipe card must use the video intercom. Staff must identify the individual on the monitor before releasing the door. If the person is unknown, staff must use the audio intercom to must ask who they are, the purpose of their visit and request to see ID before allowing entry.

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3. The interior video intercom substations with remote door releases are located in the Infant Room, Preschool #1 and Preschool #2. The office has a door release button that can be used if the Executive or Assistant Director can identify the person through the window.
4. Responsibility for responding to the intercom:
 - 8:30 to 4:30 – Assistant Director
 - beginning and end of the day – staff members on the opening and closing shifts
 - new staff and substitutes are not to respond to the intercom until they are familiar with the centre and the families
5. Staff are required to welcome parents and children into the centre, share pertinent information and help the child to get involved in the centre's activities.
6. Staff are required to sign children in and out on the attendance record.
7. Parents are required to directly tell a staff member when they are leaving the building, with or without their children and to not allow other people into the centre when entering or leaving the centre.
8. If a staff hear a door open, they are required to visually check to make sure a child is not leaving without an appropriate adult.
9. When children and staff are playing outside, the doors remain locked. Staff and parents use their swipe card (or video intercom) to re-enter the front (north) or playground (east) door.

SAFE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SPACE PROCEDURES

The following procedures describe how we ensure:

- safe indoor spaces
- safe outdoor spaces

Staff should:

- Watch for any safety concerns throughout the day.
- Correct the situation to the best of their abilities and document what was done.
- Bring concerns to the attention of the Executive Director (or designated alternate). Make sure action is taken, if needed.
- Note any safety concerns and related reminders about appropriate procedures in daily staff communication log book.
- Watch for suspicious activity in the neighbourhood and report it to the Executive Director and the police, if necessary.
- Stay alert to their surroundings when in the playground or on outings.
- Trust their instincts and, if they feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, to gather the children and leave immediately.

First staff to go out to the playground should:

1. Complete the *Daily Safety Checklist – Outdoor*.
2. Correct any safety concerns to the best of their abilities and document what was done.
3. Give the checklists to the Executive Director (or designated alternate).
4. Make sure the Executive Director (or designated alternate) is aware of any concerns and things that need to be done.
5. Note any safety concerns and related reminders about appropriate procedures in the daily staff communication log book.

Staff on opening shift in each playroom should:

1. Correct any safety concerns to the best of their abilities and document what was done.
2. Give the checklists to the Executive Director (or designated alternate).
3. Make sure the Executive Director (or designated alternate) is aware of any concerns and things that need to be done.

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4. Note any safety concerns and related reminders about appropriate procedures in the daily staff communication log book.

Staff on the closing shift should:

1. Do a walk-through and make sure all appliances are unplugged, the stove is turned off, etc.
2. Note any safety concerns and related reminders about appropriate procedures in the daily staff communication log book.

Executive Director (or designated alternate) should:

1. Make sure monthly and annual inspections are completed and documented on the appropriate checklists.
2. Complete and document any required repairs or actions. Notify and consult with school division personnel.
3. Review enrolment forms, Inclusion Support Program intake and review meeting minutes and URIS *Individual Health Care/Emergency Response Plan* as applicable for any specific requirements for a child with additional support needs.
4. Make any necessary changes to indoor or outdoor spaces to make sure children with additional support needs are safe. Notify and consult with school division personnel.
5. Communicate safety concerns or changes to procedures to all staff:
 - Note concerns in the daily communication log book.
 - Review at a staff meeting and, depending on how serious the situation is, share with the board of directors.
6. Make sure safety concerns that relate directly to parents or require a change in their behaviour are posted in a prominent area. If the concern is serious, write a letter to each parent.

STAFF TRAINING

The enhanced safety plan will be reviewed and specific responsibilities will be discussed with the Executive Director (or designated alternate) when a staff member is given responsibilities for fire safety or emergency response procedures.

Training for New Staff

New staff are required to:

1. Read the enhanced safety plan and discuss it with the Executive Director (or designated alternate).
2. Review the *Daily* and *Monthly Indoor Safety Checklists* with the Executive Director (or designated alternate) to learn how to control fire hazards and their responsibility to address any fire safety issues that they see. Staff are instructed to bring fire safety issues to the attention of the Executive Director. Issues not resolved by the Executive Director can be taken to the board.
3. Review *Individual Health Care Plan/Emergency Response Plans* for all children enrolled with anaphylaxis (life-threatening allergies). Be trained in the use of a child's auto-injector and child-specific avoidance strategies detailed in each individual plan.
4. Review several practice drills with the Executive Director (or designated alternate) to learn how to improve their participation and to have their questions answered.

The Executive Director (or designated alternate) will show new staff the locations of:

- staff communication log book (containing important information to read daily and a list of code words for emergency procedures found in the front cover)
- emergency phone number list including:
 - > the centre's location address
 - > designated place of shelter
 - > contact information for Rivercrest ELCC Centre
 - > when applicable, contact information for schools serviced by the centre
 - > when applicable, contact information for transportation services used by children
- fire alarm pull stations
- fire extinguishers
- emergency backpacks that contain child information records and staff emergency information
- first aid kits
- a copy of the enhanced safety plan
- *Individual Health Care Plan/Emergency Response Plans* for all children enrolled with anaphylaxis (life-threatening allergies) or other applicable health conditions

- adrenaline auto-injectors for children with anaphylaxis

The Executive Director (or designated alternate) will discuss and demonstrate to new staff:

- when to use a fire extinguisher
- what type of fire extinguisher to use
- how to use the PASS method in the use of a fire extinguisher

Training for All Staff

All staff will:

1. Review their actions, as well as the actions of the children, after each practice evacuation or shelter-in-place drill and discuss ways for improvement.
2. Review how to use a fire extinguisher at least once a year.
3. Be retrained in the use of a child's auto-injector and child-specific avoidance strategies detailed in each *Individual Health Care/Emergency Response Plan* for children with anaphylaxis (life-threatening allergies) at least annually.
4. Be retrained in specific plans detailed in each *Individual Health Care/Emergency Response Plan* for children with other applicable health conditions at least annually.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The roles and responsibilities of board members are outlined in our board orientation package indicating:

1. New board members are required to read the enhanced safety plan and to discuss it with the Executive Director (or designated alternate).
2. The board will review and discuss the enhanced safety plan at board meetings at least annually.
3. Board members will review annual fire, public health and child care centre inspection checklists to ensure that the Executive Director (or designated alternate):
 - addresses any fire safety issues
 - monitors that all procedures to control fire hazards are completed
 - makes sure all required inspections and maintenance of fire safety equipment are completed and documented as required
 - addresses any public health concerns
 - addresses any child care licensing non-compliance issues or other concerns

4. The board will encourage staff to bring fire safety or other safety issues to their attention as stated in personnel policies, during employment orientations and during annual reviews of enhanced safety plan with all staff.

STAFF AND BOARD ANNUAL REVIEW

The enhanced safety plan will be reviewed annually at the board meeting in May by:

- all supervisory staff and designated alternates
- the board of directors

Any necessary changes or revisions will be made including:

- increases or decreases in staffing levels
- increases or decreases of licensed number of children
- changes to rooms or floor spaces occupied by the child care centre
- changes to emergency procedures

If revisions are made, new copies will be printed with the revision date and submitted to the child care coordinator for review and approval. If the revisions are related to fire safety or fire evacuation procedures, a copy will also be submitted to the fire inspector for review and approval.

The revised enhanced safety plan will be:

- distributed to all supervisory staff and designated alternates
- posted in the child care centre for reference by the fire authority
- kept in the staff communication area for easy access and review by child care staff
- reviewed by child care coordinator
- reviewed by the fire authority

The enhanced safety plan will be reviewed annually with all staff at the staff meeting in May or after revisions have been approved.

Individual Health Care Plan/Emergency Response Plans (URIS)

Plans will be reviewed every year for each child enrolled with anaphylaxis (life-threatening allergies) or other applicable health conditions.

The Executive Director (or designated alternate) will monitor expiry dates for individual plans.