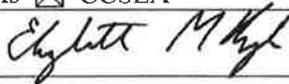


Department of Early Learning

Policy Title:	10.1.16 Safe Sleep Policy		
Procedure:	Attached		
References:	WAC 170-295; 170-296A		
Applies To:	Licensing Staff	Contact:	Licensing Oversight Division
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Director Approval:			

The Department of Early Learning (DEL) is responsible for licensing activities to ensure that standards of health and safety are present in child care facilities in accordance with Washington State law and administrative code regulations. The term “child care facility” or “child care licensee” is used to indicate both licensed family child care homes and child care centers.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to clarify and standardize the process of monitoring safe sleep practices. The policy provides direction for enforcement by licensing staff, supervisors, Regional Administrators (RA) and the Child Care State Licensing Administrator (CCSLA). Expectations of DEL personnel are clarified in this policy and its accompanying Safe Sleep Procedure.

Policy

DEL personnel will adhere to all components of the attached Safe Sleep Procedure. In addition, DEL personnel are expected to:

- I. Accurately and in a timely manner thoroughly assess the risk of serious and immediate harm to children in care as a result of safe sleep practices.
- II. Respectfully communicate with the child care facility personnel, providing accurate information about the safe sleep requirements, as requested.
- III. Respectfully communicate with parents or legal guardians regarding the safe sleep requirements, as requested.
- IV. Take necessary adverse licensing action when there is a repeated violation of safe sleep requirements.

Attachments

Safe Sleep Procedure