

Mustard Seed Kidz Safety

We ask that parents closely supervise their children in the driveway, lobbies, and elsewhere in the center. It is recommended that children exit from cars with the parent's assistance. When departing the center, please resist having your children run to the car. Sticking together seems to be a reasonable safety request. When going to the classroom, the family is asked to stay together. Older children should accompany parents to infant rooms, and not be left in a lobby. So much could happen in a moment or two, and we request your cooperation.

Children must be signed in and out each day in the front lobby. This is extremely important since this list is used to check attendance during emergency drills or events. Children are released only to persons for whom the staff has written permission from the parents. Parents should provide us with name, address and phone number of any person designated to pick up a child. We will ask to see photo identification.

No child is ever left alone or unsupervised. At arrival, parents are expected to help the child settle into play, which may require a few minutes. Parents are permitted access to all parts of the center at any time, including nap times and pre-admission tours or observations. Parents are always welcomed with an open door policy.

There is always immediate access to a phone at the center. Telephones are located in the entry and all offices. All teachers have instant communication via walkie-talkie.

Aerosol sprays are not used when children are present. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on business premises. We are a smoke-free work place.

Admittance to the building is by a keypad at the front entrance. All doors are locked at all times for security. Doors are easily opened from the inside in case of emergency. Parents have access codes for immediate entry through the front door.

The center is monitored indoors and outdoors by video/camera surveillance.

All center employees are required under Statute 30.201-39.206 of the Florida Code to report any suspicion of child abuse or child neglect. All staff has training to recognize signs of neglect and abuse.

Preschool children are well prepared for trips through relevant classroom activities and conversations. Parents must sign a permission form for each trip. This form includes the child's name, date and destination of trip, as well as parent signature and date signed. The ratios maintained on trips do vary according to the means of travel, destination and the "personality" of the class. We will encourage parent participation on field trips. This is necessary to maintain the safety of our children.(1)

(1)Sciarrà & Dorsey, Developing and Administering a Child Care Center, Delmar Publishers 1998

