



POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

POLICY: *BITING POLICY*

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Charlie Brown Preschool & Child Care will on occasion experience children who bite or get bit.

Staff will receive information on biting during orientation. Parents will be offered information on biting if their child is involved in a biting incident.

An incident report is given to parents of the biter and an accident report is given to the parents of the child bitten. A copy will be put in the child's file that did the biting as well as in the file of the child who was bitten.

When there is blood exposure with broken skin from a bite, the parents of the child who was bitten will be called. Parents may choose to seek medical attention. The parents of the biter will be called because their may be child in the biter's mouth. Parents may choose to seek medical attention.

When there is blood exposure with broken skin from a bite, the wound will be immediately cleansed with soap and water. An ice pack will be used. The child who bit should rinse their mouth to remove any blood. The staff will speak to the biter in a firm voice, "No biting!" The child who is bitten will be comforted and given extra attention. The biter will be shadowed by the staff to prevent further incidents. If possible, the child may be moved into a different group. The Training and Curriculum Coordinator will work with the room to address behavior modification techniques to be implemented following the Child Guidance Policy to prevent further incidents.

To address the issue of a child who is biting other children or staff, the child's parents, Training and Curriculum Coordinator, the On-site Director, and the Executive Director will cooperatively seek solutions to the problem for repeated biting.

During a confidential conference, the child's parents will be asked to seek professional advice after the third incident of repeated behavior. A written documentation of behavior modification will be required and be put into practice for two weeks. If the modification is not effective, Charlie Brown reserves the right to discontinue child care services.

If a staff person is severely bitten, the wound will be immediately cleansed with soap and water. If any blood is visible on the staff person, medical treatment will be requested. A refusal to seek medical attention may be signed by the staff person and kept in the personnel file.

Confidentiality will be adhered to in all incidents.