



SAFE TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN POLICY GUIDELINES

Under the *Education and Care Services National Regulations*, an approved provider must ensure that policies and procedures are in place in relation to the transportation of children (Regulation 168).

Having effective policies and procedures in place can reduce the risk of harm to children while continuing to provide them with the transport that may be needed as part of their education and care.

The approved provider must ensure the policies and procedures address the relevant Regulations relating to transportation:

- Risk assessments for excursions must include specific considerations related to the transportation (Regulation 101)
- The authorisation provided by the family for excursions must include specific details about the transportation (Regulation 102)
- Risk assessments must be conducted before a service transports children and must include specific considerations related to the transportation (Regulations 102B and 102C)
- The family must provide an authorisation for the service to transport their child and it must include specific details about the transportation (Regulation 102D).

Under the *Education and Care Services National Regulations*, education and care services must have policies and procedures in place in relation to the transportation of children. These guidelines are part of a series and are intended to assist in the development of your *Safe transportation of children policy*. They have been designed to guide you in the development of your policy and are not an exact format.

1. Title

Safe transportation of children policy

2. Policy statement

The policy statement will reflect your service's philosophy and approach to the transportation of children.

For example:

We are committed to ensuring the safe transportation of children by our service, including for excursions. We ensure that all educators and staff are familiar with and able to implement the policies and procedures relating to safe transportation.

3. Background

Your policy needs to include a statement of why this requirement is in place.

For example, the *Education and Care Services National Regulations* require policies and procedures to be in place in relation to the transportation of children.

4. Legislative requirements

Your policy must be consistent with and refer to legislative requirements for the transportation of children. Examples include, but are not limited to:

Section 165	Offence to inadequately supervise children
Section 167	Offence related to protection of children from harm and hazards
Reg 89	First aid kits
Reg 99	Children leaving the education and care service premises
Reg 100	Risk assessment must be conducted before excursion
Reg 101	Conduct of risk assessment for excursion
Reg 102	Authorisation for excursions
Reg 102B	Transport risk assessment must be conducted before service transports child
Reg 102C	Conduct of risk assessment for transporting of children by the education and care service
Reg 102D	Authorisation for service to transport children
Reg 122	Educators must be working directly with children to be included in ratios
Reg 123	Educator to child ratios – centre-based services
Reg 136	First aid qualifications
Reg 158	Children’s attendance record to be kept by approved provider
Reg 168	Education and care service must have policies and procedures
Reg 170	Policies and procedures to be followed
Reg 171	Policies and procedures to be kept available
Reg 172	Notification of change to policies or procedures

When writing your policy, you will need to break down what is required under each Regulation and how your service will meet these requirements. How these work in practice will be contained in your procedures.

As you reflect on your service’s *Safe transportation of children policy*, it might highlight the need to split its various areas into different policies and procedures that can be readily accessed by all educators and staff to follow in relation to the service’s philosophy and their roles and responsibilities. For example, you may wish to have separate policies for *Transporting children to/from the service* and *Transportation of children for excursions*.

5. Principles to inform your policy

All decision-making should be carried out in accordance with the principles of your service’s *Safe transportation of children policy*. Examples of principles could include, but are not limited to:

- Children’s health, safety, and wellbeing is paramount. We are committed to meeting all the regulatory requirements to ensure the safe transportation of children by our service, including for excursions.
- Our educators and staff are integral to the education and care of our children. Clear roles and responsibilities and relevant training ensure they are aware of their roles and responsibilities in relation to the safe transportation of children.
- We value and support the families at our service. At all times we seek their authorisation and input with regard to our transportation of their children.

6. Key terms

To make it easier for your audience, provide definitions of key terms that may not be used every day. For example:

Term	Meaning	Source
ACECQA – Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority	The independent national authority that works with all regulatory authorities to administer the National Quality Framework, including the provision of guidance, resources and services to support the sector to improve outcomes for children.	
Excursion	An outing organised by an education and care service or family day care educator, but does not include an outing organised by an education and care service provided on a school site if: (a) the child or children leave the education and care service premises in the company of an educator; and (b) the child or children do not leave the school site.	National Regulations (Definitions)
Regular outing	In relation to an education and care service, means a walk, drive or trip to and from a destination: (a) that the service visits regularly as part of its educational program; and (b) where the circumstances relevant to the risk assessment are the same on each outing.	National Regulations (Definitions)
Regular transportation	In relation to an education and care service, means the transportation by the service or arranged by the service (other than as part of an excursion) of a child being educated and cared for by the service, where the circumstances relevant to a risk assessment are the same for each occasion on which the child is transported.	Guide to the NQF (Glossary)
Risk assessment	Assessing the risk means working out how likely it is that a hazard will harm someone and how serious the harm could be.	https://www.acecqa.gov.au/media/22736

<p>Transportation</p>	<p>Transportation forms part of an education and care service if the service remains responsible for children during the period of transportation. The responsibility for, and duty of care owed to, children applies in scenarios where services are transporting children, or have arranged for the transportation of children, between an education and care service premises and another location, for example their home, school, or a place of excursion.</p> <p>Examples of transport not forming part of a service include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • private transport provided by families and carers (i.e. carers not engaged by/registered with a service) • transport provided and/or arranged by an entity other than the approved provider, e.g. a school bus, and the children are not under the care of the approved provider • transport where the approved provider is providing the transport service in a capacity other than as the approved provider, e.g. a government department that provides an education and care service, provides school education, and provides a school bus to school students, on which the children who attend the service also travel for practical reasons (such as in a remote or rural location) • when a disability service picks up children and transports them to school or an activity. 	<p>Guide to the NQF ('Transportation')</p>
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7. Links to other policies

Refer to related policies and procedures, for example:

- Providing a child safe environment
 - Excursions
 - Incident, injury, trauma and illness
 - The administration of first aid
 - Dealing with medical conditions in children
 - Delivery of children to, and collection of children from, education and care service premises
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8. Induction and ongoing training

State information about induction training and frequency of ongoing training and information sharing to assist managers, coordinators, educators and staff to fulfil their roles effectively.

9. Policy created/reviewed

Include the date the policy was created, reviewed or changes were made.

10. Monitoring, evaluation and review

State when the policy will be reviewed and who will be responsible for this.

11. Checklist

- Have you referenced the relevant Regulations and are these reflected in the policy?
- Does the title provide a clear and concise statement identifying the intent of the policy?
- Have you checked the policy requirements and referenced related legislation that applies to your service type?
- Does your policy statement provide a framework for decision-making and ensure consistent practice?
- Does your policy statement reflect your service philosophy?
- Is it clear why this policy exists?



SAFE TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN PROCEDURES GUIDELINES

The approved provider must ensure the service has procedures in place in relation to the transportation of children.

Transportation can present additional risks to children depending on how it occurs and how transition from a vehicle to a service premises, family day care (FDC) residence or other destination is managed. These risks apply equally to single trips or during periods of regular transportation.

You should be familiar with the Regulations referred to in your *Safe transportation of children policy* prior to developing your procedures, as well as reviewing Queensland's guidance for the safe transportation of children: <https://earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/legislation-and-guidelines/health-and-safety/transportation>

The steps and guidelines you document in your procedures will not only guide your practice, but also inform regulatory authorities of educator and staff expectations and responsibilities.

Your procedures should be written in clear and concise language, making them easy to read, understand and implement.

Under the *Education and Care Services National Regulations*, education and care services must have policies and procedures in place in relation to the transportation of children. These guidelines are part of a series and are intended to assist in the development of your *Safe transportation of children procedures*. They have been designed to guide you in the development of your procedures and are not an exact format.

1. Title

Safe transportation of children procedures

2. Reference to policy and philosophy

Here you refer to your *Safe transportation of children policy* as seen in your policy documents. You can reference where you will find the policy to help those looking for it.

Your procedures will also reflect your service's overall philosophy, *Safe transportation of children policy*, and evidence-based practices for safe transportation.

3. Procedures

This is where you detail the way you will implement the *Safe transportation of children policy*.

It is the 'How to' in your service and includes specific step-by-step procedures for the transportation of children.

Some areas that will be outlined here will include:

- where the procedures will be kept
- when they were last reviewed
- templates and documents that might be required and/or used as a part of the procedures, such as ACECQA's *Template – providing transport as part of a service approval* and *Template – providing transport for excursions*
- systems to monitor the implementation of the procedures.

You will also need to consider:

- if you are a new service: including a reference (such as a risk assessment) to any proposed transport as part of your application for service approval to your regulatory authority
- ensuring all supervision requirements are met during transportation, considering factors such as: educator to child ratios; the number, age and level of development of children; visibility and accessibility of passengers by the educator; risks inherent in the mode of transport, environment, location or route; the experience, knowledge and skill of each educator; the requirements of the individual children; the capacity of an educator to immediately respond to a situation requiring urgent intervention
- ensuring first aid requirements are met during transportation, including the availability of up-to-date first aid kits and that educators or staff with first aid qualifications and training are in attendance
- consulting with agencies and industry specialists to inform and monitor jurisdictional requirements relating to seatbelts (e.g. correctly fitted and adjusted for school age children) or safety restraints (e.g. ensuring the correct child car seat for a child's size and age)
- incorporating any jurisdictional requirements for the safe transportation of any non-ambulant children and any staffing implications
- addressing how the service will assess the children's abilities to walk confidently to and from vehicles and any staffing implications
- where children leave the premises or FDC residence using transport that is not part of the service, ensuring they leave in accordance with Regulation 99.

As you reflect on your *Safe transportation of children policy*, it might highlight the need to split its various areas into different procedures, which will be displayed or accessed by all staff to follow in relation to their actions. For example, you may wish to have separate procedures for *Transporting children to/from the service* and *Transportation of children for excursions*.

4. Roles and responsibilities

This is where you will designate specific roles and responsibilities for the people who hold different positions within your service. This needs to align with the Regulations.

It is important to note that it is the legal responsibility of approved providers to ensure systems are in place to minimise risk and ensure health and safety procedures are implemented by the responsible people in services. Ultimate responsibility lies with the approved provider to ensure their service/s are meeting the requirements under the National Quality Framework.

When developing this section consider:

- What are the roles and responsibilities of the approved provider, nominated supervisor, educators or other staff in your service in relation to the safe transportation of children?
- How will you clearly define these roles and expectations and where will it be documented?
- Why are clear and robust procedures for the safe transportation of children important for children's safety and wellbeing?
- How will you learn from the administration of these procedures to improve your practices?
- How will you ensure that the necessary tools are available so the approved provider, nominated supervisor, educators and other staff members can follow the procedures? How will they be made aware of the procedures?

An example of roles and responsibilities could include, but is not limited to:

Roles	Responsibilities
Approved provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ensure that obligations under the <i>Education and Care Services National Law</i> and <i>National Regulations</i> are met• <i>if you are a new service</i>: include a reference (such as a risk assessment) to any proposed transport as part of your application for service approval to your regulatory authority• ensure no child is transported by the service without an authorisation from their family• ensure the appropriate risk assessments are completed and all relevant actions are undertaken prior to an excursion• ensure the risks assessments for excursions include the specific considerations related to transportation listed in Regulation 101• ensure the appropriate risk assessments are completed and all relevant actions are undertaken prior to transporting children• ensure the risk assessments for transportation:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- identify and assess risks that transporting the child may pose to the health, safety or wellbeing of the child and- specify how the identified risks will be managed and minimised- include the specific considerations listed in Regulation 102C• ensure all supervision requirements are met during transportation, including relevant educator to child ratios• ensure first aid requirements are met during transportation, including the availability of up-to-date, suitably equipped first aid kits and that educators or staff with first aid qualifications and training are in attendance

Roles	Responsibilities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure jurisdictional requirements relating to seatbelts and children’s safety restraints are met • take reasonable steps to ensure that nominated supervisors, educators, staff and volunteers follow the policy and procedures • ensure copies of the policy and procedures are readily accessible to nominated supervisors, educators, staff and volunteers, and available for inspection • notify families at least 14 days before changing the policy or procedures if the changes will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - affect the fees charged or the way they are collected or - significantly impact the service’s education and care of children or - significantly impact the family’s ability to utilise the service
<p>Nominated supervisor/ Responsible person</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implement the <i>Safe transportation of children policy and procedures</i> • ensure no child is transported by the service without an authorisation from their family • conduct a risk assessment for an excursion, including the specific considerations related to transportation listed in Regulation 101 • conduct risk assessments prior to the service transporting children. Ensure the risk assessments for transportation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identify and assess risks that transporting the child may pose to the safety, health or wellbeing of the child and - specify how the identified risks will be managed and minimised - include the specific considerations listed in Regulation 102C • ensure all educators and staff understand their supervision responsibilities and expectations relating to transportation of children • verify that all the required equipment and/or items are taken on the transportation, including, but not limited to, a first aid kit, emergency contact lists, and mobile phone • verify that educators or staff with current first aid qualifications and training are in attendance during transportation • ensure jurisdictional requirements relating to seatbelts and children’s safety restraints are met • contact emergency services in the first instance then notify parents/ guardians immediately after a serious incident, injury, trauma or medical emergency, or as soon as is practicable • where children leave the premises or FDC residence using transport that is not part of the service, ensure they leave in accordance with Regulation 99

Roles	Responsibilities
FDC educators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure transportation is carried out in line with the <i>Safe transportation of children policy and procedures</i> • ensure all children transported by the service have an authorisation from their family • conduct a risk assessment for an excursion, including the specific considerations related to transportation listed in Regulation 101 • conduct risk assessments prior to the service transporting children. Ensure the risk assessments for transportation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identify and assess risks that transporting the child may pose to the safety, health or wellbeing of the child and - specify how the identified risks will be managed and minimised - include the specific considerations listed in Regulation 102C • ensure the required educator to child ratios are in place and children are supervised at all times • undertake regular attendance checks to account for all children • ensure that all the required equipment and/or items are taken on the transportation, including, but not limited to, a first aid kit, emergency contact lists, and mobile phone • ensure jurisdictional requirements relating to seatbelts and children's safety restraints are met • complete any relevant documentation of children's attendance and movement to and from the vehicle • communicate with families regarding safe transportation, including for excursions, e.g. pick-up location and destination, the means of transport, and the number of educators and staff and any other adults involved in the transportation • contact emergency services in the first instance then notify parents/guardians immediately after a serious incident, injury, trauma or medical emergency, or as soon as is practicable • where children leave the premises or FDC residence using transport that is not part of the service, ensure they leave in accordance with Regulation 99
Educators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure transportation is carried out in line with the <i>Safe transportation of children policy and procedures</i> • check all children transported by the service have an authorisation from their family • check that a risk assessment for an excursion has been conducted, including the specific considerations related to transportation listed in Regulation 101 • check that risk assessments have been conducted prior to the service transporting children. Check the risk assessments for transportation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identify and assess risks that transporting the child may pose to the safety, health or wellbeing of the child - specify how the identified risks will be managed and minimised - include the specific considerations listed in Regulation 102C • ensure the required educator to child ratios are in place and children are supervised at all times

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • undertake regular attendance checks to account for all children • ensure that all the required equipment and/or items are taken on the transportation, including, but not limited to, a first aid kit, emergency contact lists, and mobile phone • ensure jurisdictional requirements relating to seatbelts and safety restraints are met • complete any relevant documentation of children’s attendance and movement to and from the vehicle • communicate with families regarding safe transportation, including for excursions, e.g. pick-up location and destination, the means of transport, and the number of educators and staff and any other adults involved in the transportation • contact emergency services in the first instance then notify parents/ guardians immediately after a serious incident, injury, trauma or medical emergency, or as soon as is practicable • where children leave the premises or FDC residence using transport that is not part of the service, ensure they leave in accordance with Regulation 99
Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sign the authorisation for their child to attend the excursion and/or for their child to be transported by the service • ensure they complete the attendance record upon delivery and collection of their child • provide emergency contact details on the child’s enrolment form and ensure that they are kept up-to-date • keep informed about the service’s safe transportation processes, including for excursions, e.g. pick-up location and destination, the means of transport, and the number of educators and staff and any other adults involved in the transportation • reinforce the safe transportation practices with their child, e.g. seatbelts

The following table will assist you in developing procedures specific to your needs and context. Referring to the Regulations when you are writing your procedures will assist you to ensure that you are meeting your obligations.

Areas to include in your procedures	Things to consider and outline in each area <i>(this will be specific to the context of your service)</i>	Strategies for monitoring and implementing procedures	Related policy and/or procedures
<p>Transportation during excursions</p> <p>Leg: s165, s167</p> <p>Reg: 99, 100, 101, 102, 168, 170, 171, 172</p> <p>QA2</p> <p>QA3: 3.2.1</p> <p>QA4: 4.1</p> <p>QA5</p> <p>QA6</p> <p>QA7: 7.1.2, 7.1.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How you will ensure those aspects of the <i>Excursions policy</i> and <i>procedures</i> relating to the safe transportation of children are met • Ensuring that risks assessments for excursions consider the following transport-related aspects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the means of transport - any jurisdictional requirements for seatbelts or children's safety restraints - the process for entering and exiting the service premises or FDC residence - the process for entering and exiting the pick-up location or destination - any potential water hazards - procedures for embarking and disembarking the means of transport, including how each child is to be accounted for • How risk assessments will be carried out, implemented, monitored, and assessed • How you will inform all educators, staff and volunteers of any risks relating to the transportation, and their responsibilities to mitigate those risks • The step-by-step actions and items that need to happen resulting from the risk assessment • How you will ensure that children have a written authorisation from their family in order to participate in the excursion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure your policy and procedures are available for all to access • Use a risk assessment template, e.g. ACECQA's <i>Template – providing transport for excursions</i> • Develop a schedule to ensure risk assessments are carried out and reviewed regularly • Ensure all educators, staff and volunteers understand each step of the procedures • Undertake an excursion induction for volunteers • Ensure the policy and procedures are part of induction training, and regularly reviewed at team meetings 	<p>Excursions</p> <p>Providing a child safe environment</p> <p>Incidents, injury, trauma and illness</p> <p>Dealing with medical conditions in children</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that authorisations for excursions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for a regular outing: a description of when the child is to be taken on the regular outings - for an excursion that is not a regular outing: the date the child is to be taken on the excursion - the means of transport - jurisdictional requirements for seatbelts or safety restraints • Ensuring that all the required equipment and/or items are taken on the excursion, including, but not limited to, a first aid kit, emergency contact lists, and mobile phone • What form regular attendance checks may take to account for all children • What documentation may be needed relating to children's attendance and movement to and from the vehicle • What jurisdictional requirements there may be for the safe transportation of any non-ambulant children and any staffing implications • How the service will assess the children's abilities to walk confidently to and from vehicles and any staffing implications • Effective ways to communicate with families regarding safe transportation during excursions, e.g. pick-up location and destination, the means of transport, and the number of educators and staff and any other adults involved in the transportation 		

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<p>General transportation (not excursions)</p> <p>Leg: s165, s167</p> <p>Reg: 99, 102B, 102C, 102D, 168, 170, 171, 172</p> <p>QA2</p> <p>QA3: 3.2.1</p> <p>QA4: 4.1</p> <p>QA5</p> <p>QA6</p> <p>QA7: 7.1.2, 7.1.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are a new service: including a reference (such as a risk assessment) to any proposed transport as part of your application for service approval to your regulatory authority • Ensuring that risk assessments to transport children identify and assess risks that transporting the child may pose to the health, safety and/or wellbeing of the child; and specify how the identified risks will be managed and minimised • Ensuring that the risk assessments consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the proposed route and duration of the transportation - the proposed pick-up location and destination - the means of transport - any jurisdictional requirements for seatbelts or children’s safety restraints - any water hazards - the number of adults and children involved in the transportation - given the risks posed by transportation, the number of educators or other responsible adults that is appropriate to provide supervision and whether any adults with specialised skills are required - whether any items should be readily available during transportation (e.g. a mobile phone and a list of emergency contact numbers for the children being transported) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a risk assessment template, e.g. ACECQA’s <i>Template – providing transport as part of a service approval</i> • Develop a schedule to ensure risk assessments are carried out and reviewed regularly • Create checklists with clear expectations around implementing procedures • Ensure the policy and procedures are part of induction training, and regularly reviewed at team meetings • Schedule child restraint safety checks by authorised fitters 	<p>Providing a child safe environment</p> <p>Incidents, injury, trauma and illness</p> <p>Enrolment and orientation</p> <p>Dealing with medical conditions in children</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the process for entering and exiting the service premises or FDC residence - the pick-up location or destination - procedures for embarking and disembarking the means of transport, including how each child is to be accounted for • How risk assessments will be carried out, implemented, monitored, and assessed • How you will inform all educators, staff and volunteers of any risks relating to the transport and their responsibilities to mitigate those risks • The step-by-step actions and items that need to happen resulting from the risk assessments • How you will ensure that no child is transported by the service without an authorisation from their family • Ensuring that authorisations for transportation include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the child's name - the reason the child is to be transported - for regular transportation: a description of when the child is to be transported - not for regular transportation: the date the child is to be transported - description of the proposed pick-up location and destination - the means of transport - the period of time during which the child is to be transported - the anticipated number of children likely to be transported 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the anticipated number of educators and staff and any other adults who will accompany and supervise the children during the transportation - any jurisdictional requirements for seatbelts or child safety restraints - that a risk assessment has been prepared and is available at the service - that written policies and procedures for transporting children are available at the service • How you will monitor the safety of seatbelts or child restraints in line with jurisdictional requirements • Ensuring that all the required equipment and/or items are taken on the transportation, including, but not limited to, a suitably equipped first aid kit, emergency contact lists, and mobile phone • What form regular attendance checks may take to account for all children, e.g. prior, during and after the transportation • What documentation may be needed relating to children's attendance and movement to and from the vehicle • What jurisdictional requirements there may be for the safe transportation of any non-ambulant children and any staffing implications • How the service will assess the children's abilities to walk confidently to and from vehicles 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective ways to communicate with families regarding safe transportation, e.g. pick-up location and destination, the means of transport, and the number of educators and staff and any other adults involved in the transportation 		
<p>Staffing and first aid</p> <p>Leg: s165</p> <p>Reg: 89, 99, 122, 123, 136, 168, 170, 171, 172</p> <p>QA2</p> <p>QA4: 4.1</p> <p>QA5</p> <p>QA6</p> <p>QA7: 7.1.2, 7.1.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To determine if supervision of children during transportation is adequate, consider areas such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - educator to child ratios - the number, age and level of development of children - visibility and accessibility of children (including when transitioning to/from the vehicle) - risks inherent in the mode of transport - risks inherent in the environment, location or route - the experience, knowledge and skill of each educator - the requirements of the individual children - the capacity of an educator to immediately respond to a situation requiring urgent intervention How you will ensure the service has at least one educator or staff member with the appropriate first aid qualifications and anaphylaxis and asthma management training in attendance during transportation and is immediately available in an emergency (if some children remain on the service premises – e.g. during an excursion – a person(s) with first aid qualifications and training must also remain on the premises) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create checklists with clear expectations around implementing procedures Design team rosters to support adequate supervision during transport Role play scenarios with educators and staff to encourage and develop knowledge around correct procedures Placement of educators within the vehicle and outside when children enter and exit Ensure responsibility is allocated to someone directly working with children if or when an educator needs to leave the vehicle or is otherwise unavailable (such as if they are carrying out first aid) 	<p>The administration of first aid</p> <p>Incidents, injury, trauma and illness</p> <p>Providing a child safe environment</p>

Areas to include in your procedures	Things to consider and outline in each area <i>(this will be specific to the context of your service)</i>	Strategies for monitoring and implementing procedures	Related policy and/or procedures
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring up-to-date suitably equipped first aid kits are readily available wherever children are, including during transportation • How educators and staff can implement and monitor jurisdictional requirements relating to seatbelts and child restraints • Ensuring the nominated supervisor and educators or staff have ready access to a mobile phone (or similar communications device) during transportation to enable immediate communication to and from families and emergency services 		

5. Procedures created/reviewed

Include the date the procedures were created or reviewed.

6. Monitoring, evaluation and review

Your service, in consultation with educators, staff, families and other stakeholders, should review the effectiveness of these procedures within a set timeframe or earlier if there is a change in relevant legislation.

State when the procedures will be reviewed and who will be responsible for this.

7. Checklist

- Do the procedures align with your *Safe transportation of children policy*?
 - Have your procedures been written in plain English and can they be easily implemented by an educator new to your service?
 - Is it clear who is responsible for the implementation of the procedures?
 - Are all educators and staff aware of the procedures and can implement them if required?
 - Do you need to develop any resources to monitor and record the procedures?
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Useful Resources

Include links to useful resources that have helped inform the development of your policy. In addition, be mindful of the existence of any state- or territory-specific content.

Some examples include but are not limited to:

- Information sheet from ACECQA – <https://www.acecqa.gov.au/media/29846>
- Guide to the National Quality Framework – <https://www.acecqa.gov.au/nqf/about/guide>
- Template – providing transport as part of a service approval – <https://www.acecqa.gov.au/media/29841>
- Template – providing transport for excursions – <https://www.acecqa.gov.au/media/22736>
- Transportation in early childhood education and care (Queensland) – <https://earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/legislation-and-guidelines/health-and-safety/transportation>