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Applies To | Ko Wai Whakahāngaitia

All staff and kindergarten communities.

General Principles | Mātāpono Whānui

- Protect staff, contractors and children from smoke and harming vape residues in the kindergartens and office workplace.
- Promote an environment that is safe and healthy for children, staff and visitors.
- Provide a positive example to children.
- Provide a smokefree/vape free environment that demonstrates that Kindergarten Taranaki promotes good health habits, protects the health of children, staff and visitors and works to reduce the risk of fire.

Related Procedures or Processes and Documents | Pākanga Tukanga me Pukapuka

Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990.

References | Tohutoro / Huānga ki

Education (Early Childhood Services) Regulations 2008.

Licensing Criteria for Early Childhood and Care Services 2008.

Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990.

Display Document | Whakamātakitaki Pukapuka – No

Practice Statement | Whakaharatau Tauākī – Required - No

Policy Review Cycle | Kaupapa Arotake Hurihanganga

This policy will be reviewed every three years and in conjunction with reviews of the related procedures or processes and documents outlined above.

Definitions | Tautuhī

Smokefree and regulated products includes tobacco products, e-cigarettes and vape products.

Policy

1. Smoking and vaping are not permitted at any time within Kindergarten Taranaki buildings, grounds or vehicles.

2. No staff member, contractor, or whānau shall smoke or vape within view of children entering, attending or exiting the kindergarten.
3. Kindergartens will display signage indicating that the kindergarten is a smoke and vape free environment.
4. Any individual or group wishing to hire the kindergarten grounds or buildings shall be informed of the smokefree/vape free conditions.
5. All staff and whānau shall respect the kindergarten's Smoke and Vape Free policy when on excursions. No staff or whānau shall smoke/vape within the view of the children.
6. Complaints regarding non-compliance of this policy should be made in accordance with the Smoke-Free Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990, and directed to the Chief Executive for Kindergarten Taranaki.