Road Safety Policy

Policy Relevant to:	All educators, Team members, children and families
Last Reviewed:	September 2026
Next Review:	September 2028
ECS National Law:	S.165, S.165A, S.167
ECS National Regulations:	r12, r99, r100, r101, r102, r102A, r102AAC, r102B, r102C, r102D, r136, r168, r170, r171, r172
NQS	2.1.2, 2.2, 2.2.1; 2.2.2

To comply with Education and Care Services National Law and National Regulations, Early Childhood Services are required to protect children from harm and hazards likely to cause injury. To ensure compliance, management, educators and team members of Adventure Patch will ensure best practice is adhered to, maintaining children's health and safety at all times.

Rationale

Adventure Patch recognises that road safety is a critical child safety responsibility. All reasonable steps will be taken to protect children from traffic-related hazards and ensure children are actively supervised whenever they are in proximity to roads, driveways, car parks, vehicles or transportation activities.

Traffic related injuries remain one of the leading, preventable causes of death and serious injury for young children. Driveways, car parks, unfenced yards, private roads, and farms are particular danger areas and many young children, predominantly toddlers, are killed or injured each year in their own home driveway (Kids and Traffic, 2014; Kidsafe, 2018).

Our duty of care as an Early Childhood Education and Care Service, is to provide our staff and children with an adequate level of care and protection to safeguard their health, safety and wellbeing at all times.

Road safety concepts will be embedded within educational programs and experiences to support children's understanding of safe behaviours and decision-making.

Purpose

Adventure Patch will ensure best practice guidelines are implemented to ensure that children are kept safe whilst travelling as pedestrians, cyclists, and passengers in vehicles. As educators, we encourage families to participate in road safety education with their children to support them to become safe and responsible on and around roads.

Adventure Patch recognises and will follow *Kid Safe Australia's* guidelines to ensure all pedestrians maintain safe practices. Roads are complex places, and many different road safety skills need to be learned and used.

Adventure Patch will ensure all children, educators, team members and volunteers recognise the importance of ensuring road safety; educate children about road safety, awareness of dangerous situations on the road and the importance of practising good road safety habits. All these can help reduce the risk of accidents on the road.

Adventure Patch will:

- Recognise that maintaining road safety is a shared responsibility between Adventure Patch, educators, team members, children and families.
- Ensure children are actively supervised whenever they may be exposed to vehicle, traffic, driveway or car park hazards.
- Monitor, report and review road safety risks, incidents and near misses to support continuous improvement in safety practices.
- Comply with all relevant legislation, regulations and recognised road safety guidance to promote the safety and wellbeing of children, educators, team members and families.
- Embed road safety education within programs and daily practices to support children's understanding of safe behaviours and responsible decision-making around roads and traffic.

Related Policies

Acceptance and Refusal of Authorisations Policy	Excursion/Incursion Policy
Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy	Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness Policy
Arrival and Departure of Children Policy	Safe Arrival of Children Policy
Educational, Curriculum and Learning Policy	Safe Transportation Policy
	Supervision Policy

Useful Resources

Car Seats Save Lives

Child Road Safety

Kids and Traffic

Kids and Traffic- Early Childhood Road and Safety Education Program

Kidsafe Road Safety

RACT Yippee! Program

Sources

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Review History

Policy Reviewed By:	Scott Norris	DCEO	September 2026
POLICY REVIEWED	September 2026	NEXT REVIEW DATE	September 2028
Modifications	• Minor policy updates • Updated laws and regulations • Updated policies • Updated useful resources • Updated sources and checked links • Removed pedestrian safety		
POLICY REVIEWED	PREVIOUS MODIFICATIONS		NEXT REVIEW DATE
June 2023	• General policy maintenance. • Added purpose and implementation. • Added related policies list. •		September 2026

Signed

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