

Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy

Our Service believes in the operation of Closed-Circuit Television System (CCTV) to ensure the health, safety and protection of children, staff, educators, parents and visitors of the Service.

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD (NQS)

QUALITY AREA 2: CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY		
2.2	Safety	Each child is protected

QUALITY AREA 7: GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP		
7.1.2	Management Systems	Systems are in place to manage risk and enable the effective management and operation of a quality service

EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES NATIONAL REGULATIONS

12	Meaning of serious incident
181	Confidentiality of records kept by approved provider
195	Application of Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988

RELATED POLICIES

Supervision Policy
Work Health and Safety Policy
Health and Safety Policy

PURPOSE

Close Circuit Television (CCTV) may be installed at the Service aims to address concerns, deal with complaints and support investigations.

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SCOPE

This policy applies to children, families, staff, management and visitors of the Service.

IMPLEMENTATION

Our Service may use Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) to monitor the physical environment. It provides protection and security for staff and children in care, assisting in assuring families that their children

are in a safe environment and may also assist with misunderstandings, damages to the Service, theft and potentially false accusations by providing digital evidence.

Camera Use

Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) may operate at the Service and may include:

- 4 fixed position cameras
- Access via remote gateway to recordings
- Digital Hard Drive Recorder

Camera Locations

- (Not revealed in web document for privacy)

When operational, the CCTV recording system operates in real mode, monitoring the site continuously 24 hours a day. Footage and information collected via the recording system will be governed by Australian Privacy Principles and all relevant staff will be kept up to date with requirements under Australia's privacy law. (There are some Commonwealth, State and territory laws that restrict the use of listening, optical, data and tracking surveillance devices.)

Access to the recordings will only be disclosed to:

1. The Victorian Ombudsman to assist with investigations on "child protection" e.g., abuse, neglect and ill treatment.
2. To a member or officer of a law enforcement agency E.g. Police for use in assisting with investigations.
3. The Approved Provider, Nominated Supervisor / Responsible Person on duty to investigate situations that may have occurred.

Storage of Footage

If collected, CCTV footage will be kept at the Service for a period of up to [6 weeks]

MANAGEMENT/NOMINATED SUPERVISOR:

Management/Nominated Supervisor will comply with current CCTV Australian laws, to ensure:

- All staff and educators will be notified in writing about the surveillance devices at the Service
- Clear expectations of staff and educators in the workplace and their responsibility for upholding the Service's privacy obligations will be discussed
- All cameras will be clearly visible
- Signs are placed at the entrance of the Service to advise staff, families and visitors about the surveillance
- Cameras will not be installed in private areas such as bathrooms or shower areas
- Maintenance and upgrades of cameras will be conducted as required
- Cameras are positioned to ensure the most effective coverage
- Compliance with the Privacy Act, including handling of any personal information
- CCTV Footage will be kept secure and destroyed or de-identified when it is no longer required
- Confidentiality is maintained at all times
- The correct time and date are covered
- A request to view a recording is in accordance with Australian law

SOURCE:

Education and Care Services National Regulation

Revised National Quality Standard

Childcare centre Safety - <https://www.asial.com.au/documents/item/632>

<https://www.oaic.gov.au>

REVIEW

POLICY REVIEWED	OCTOBER 2021	NEXT REVIEW DATE	OCTOBER 2022
MODIFICATIONS	New policy created		
	Location of cameras updated		