

**Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment.**

8.2 Maintaining children's safety and security on premises

**Policy statement**

We maintain the highest possible security of our premises to ensure that each child is safely cared for during their time with us.

**Procedures**

*Children's personal safety*

- We ensure all employed staff have been checked for criminal records by an enhanced disclosure from the DBS.
- Adults do not normally supervise children on their own.
- All children are supervised by adults at all times.
- Whenever children are on the premises at least two adults are present.
- We carry out risk assessment to ensure children are not made vulnerable within any part of our premises, nor by any activity.

*Security*

- Systems are in place for the safe arrival and departure of children.
- The times of the children's arrivals and departures are recorded.
- The arrival and departure times of adults - staff, volunteers and visitors - are recorded.
- Our systems prevent unauthorised access to our premises.
- Our systems prevent children from leaving our premises unnoticed.
- The personal possessions of staff and volunteers are securely stored during sessions.

**Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications**

- Managing Risk (2009)