

Procedure SO:01.17

Arrival, departure and access



Policy – Workplace Health and Safety

Area – Service Operations

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Scope

This procedure when read with the related policy provides a framework to guide all actions for the C&K board, C&K staff, C&K Central, C&K Branch services, C&K affiliate services, children, parents, volunteers, contractors and visitors.

This procedure excludes C&K associate members.

Introduction

C&K is committed to the safe arrival and departure of children. Educators will ensure individual parenting plans / orders and protection orders are acted upon.

Procedure

1.0 Arrival and departure

1.1 Parent / guardian and authorised person responsibilities

- Sign their child in upon arrival and sign their child out upon departure, and include name (e.g. P.Smith), signature and time
- If applicable, keep pin codes for access, private and confidential. Both parent/guardians and authorised persons are required to have their own pin at Branch services with iCheck-In PIN security. This is used to record who collected your child and at what time of day. Therefore, you may be liable for the consequences of unauthorised use of your iCheck-In PIN
- Advise educators daily of any changes to their child's routine or health needs.
- Ensure all chosen authorised persons' details have been provided via C&K Enrolment Booklet or on a *SO:01.17. F2 Form Additional Emergency Contact*.
- Arrive at the service to collect their child five (5) minutes prior to service closure. Parents are required to notify the Centre as soon as possible, if they are unable to arrive by closing time.
- If late, a late fee may be incurred. Branch services – Late fees are charged at a flat rate of \$20 for the first 10 minutes or any part thereof, for each minute after this another \$1.50 will be charged. *SO: 01.17. F3 Form Late fee* is signed by the parent / guardian upon collection.

1.2 Educator responsibilities

- Outline this procedure with all enrolling families during orientation.
- Only allow custodial parents / guardians and authorised persons (as recorded in the enrolment booklet and *SO: 01.17. F2 Form Additional Emergency Contact*) to collect children from the service.
- If the authorised person is not the custodial parent / guardian and is between 12 and 18 years of age, the custodial parent / guardian must attach (to the C&K Enrolment Booklet or *SO: 01.17. F2 Form Additional Emergency Contact*) a signed letter outlining the reasons why this person is required to collect their child and their confidence in the person's ability to

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- competently care for their child.
- If an authorised person is not the custodial parent / guardian and is between 12 and 18 years of age, attendance records (sign in and out records) should be completed by an educator (as per Regulation 158 (1)(c)(ii)).
 - The approved provider (or delegate) or nominated supervisor reserves the right not to release the child into the care of an authorised person who is between 12 and 18 years of age if there is any doubt of the person's ability or capacity to safely care for the child. Children cannot be delivered to or collected from a service by any person who is 11 years or younger.
 - Review sign in and out records daily. As per Regulation 158 (1)(c)(ii), an educator will sign a child in/out when a parent / guardian or authorised person has forgotten.
 - At the end of session / service closure, remaining educators will verify all children have been signed out. A check of all service areas is completed to ensure no child remains. Educators must exercise extreme caution to ensure all children have been accounted for and have been signed in and out.
 - If a parent / guardian informs the service a person other than those listed as an authorised person on the enrolment booklet will collect their child, the educator must request a SO: 01.17. F2 Form Additional Emergency Contact be completed. This form should be attached to the child's enrolment booklet.
 - When an unknown person collects a child, educators must confirm the person's identity by sighting photographic identification such as a driver's license or passport and keeping a record on file at the service.
 - An authorised officer (Queensland Police/Child Safety) must sign a child out if removing a child from the service.
 - Branch services with iCheck-In installed (electronic sign in/out) will request an authorised officer to sign a child in and/or out by:
 - a 'written' record when the officer is unknown to the service and it is the first and perhaps the only time they would collect the child.
 - Using iCheck-in where the officer is a regular at the service. A guardian record is required to be set up in Kidsoft.

2.0 Custodial arrangements

2.1 Parent / guardian responsibilities

- Supply service with a certified copy of current court orders upon enrolment or during enrolment. A service can only act on current court orders or parenting plans that have been supplied.
- As court orders are updated or revised, provide a copy to service.

2.2 Educator responsibilities

- All educators need to be alerted to any court order or parenting plans.
- If parents are divorced or separated and there is **no** court order or parenting plan in place, both parents have access to and are authorised to collect the child.
- Only deny a parent / guardian access to the child if / as directed on a court order or parenting plan.
- Contact Children's Services Manager (CSM) or the local police station for advice on specific court orders and parenting plans.

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3.0 If a parent / guardian or authorised person arrives to collect a child and appears to be intoxicated or is unable to safely care for and collect a child

Educator / Nominated Supervisor	Post-incident Nominated Supervisor
<p>1. Attempt to delay their departure by involving them in conversation. Confidentially and sensitively raise your concern (i.e. you feel they are unable at this time safety care and collect the child). Discuss possible alternative arrangements.</p> <p>If the authorised person is not a parent / guardian, ask them to wait while you contact the child's parent / guardian. Confidentially and sensitively explain your concern and ask for their instructions.</p>	<p>4. Notify CSM / Voluntary Management Committee (VMC).</p> <p>5. Call and notify local Early Childhood Education and Care office.</p> <p>6. Complete <i>SO: 01:05: T1 Incident Record</i>.</p> <p>Refer to <i>SO01.05 Procedure Child Incident Reporting</i> to determine if further reporting and notification is required.</p>
<p>2. If person insists on taking the child from the service and you feel the child is at risk of harm, contact the local police immediately. If possible, provide the police with car make / model and licence plate.</p> <p>A parent / guardian or authorised person cannot be prevented from leaving with the child. Do not physically stop the parent / guardian or authorised person leaving with the child.</p>	
<p>3. If the person becomes aggressive and you feel your or the children's safety is or could be compromised, call the police immediately (000).</p> <p>Follow police instructions. If applicable, implement local protocol lock down procedure.</p>	

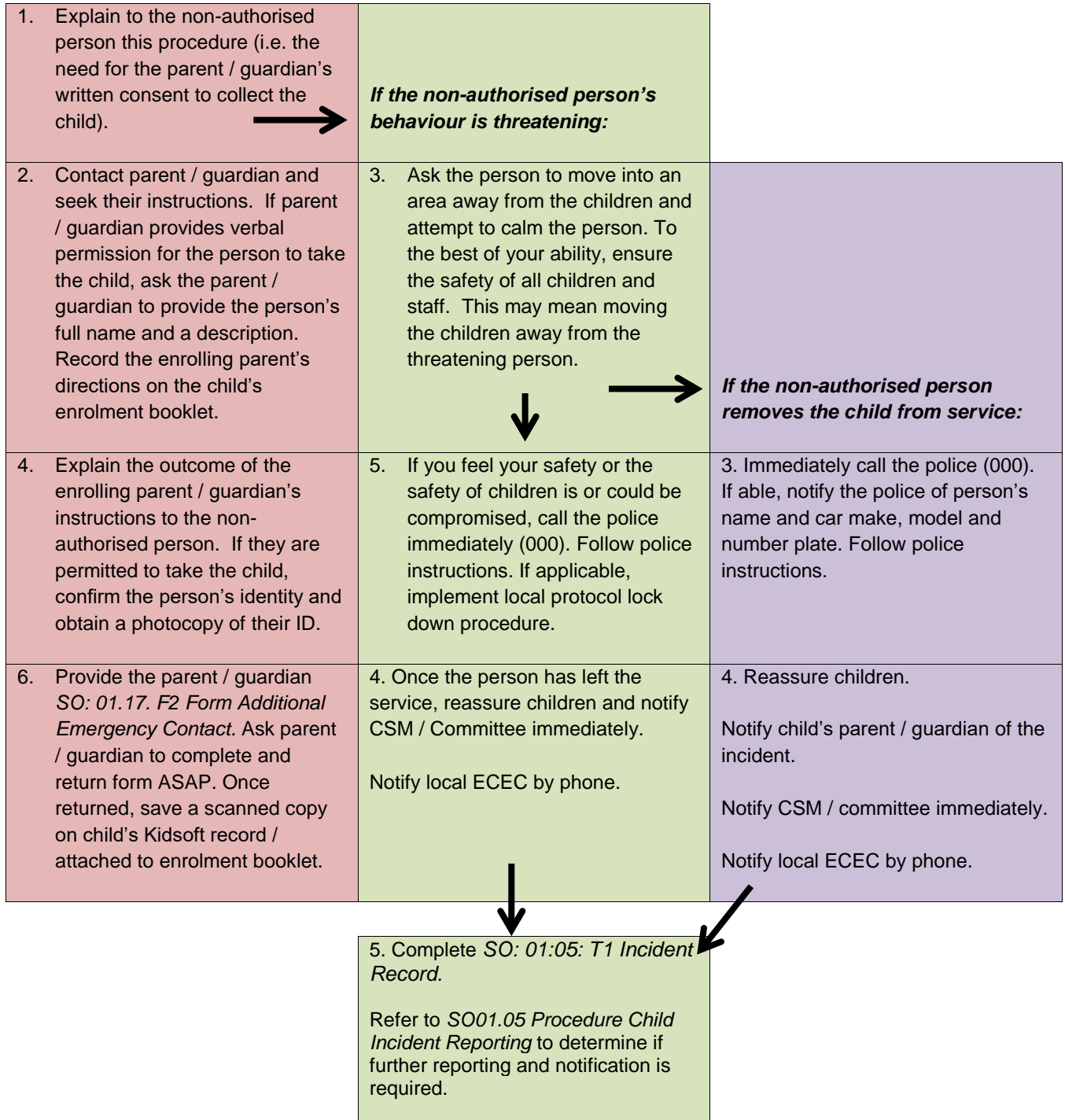
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4.0 Responsibilities of educators / service - If a non-authorized person attempts to collect a child



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1. Educator / service responsibilities - If a child has not been collected by their parent / guardian or authorised person

Educator / Nominated Supervisor	Post-incident Nominated Supervisor
1. Reassure the child as much as possible. Two (2) educators must remain with the child until collected.	7. Complete SO: 01.05. T1 Template Incident Record.
2. Phone parents / guardians on all contact numbers provided. Keep a record of the times and numbers called.	8. Where police attend the service advise local ECEC and complete notification form located on the C&K intranet. Refer to SO:01.05 Procedure Incident reporting
3. Phone emergency contacts / authorised persons to collect as listed in the enrolment booklet. Keep a record of the times and numbers called.	9. Branch services: Nominated supervisor to complete SO: 01.17. F3 Form Late fee charge and ask the parent / guardian to sign the form.
4. If 1 ½ hours has elapsed after session finish time and the child has not been collected notify CSM / committee and local police of the situation.	10. Seek advice / direction of CSM / Committee on payment for additional time worked.
5. Ensure the police, parent / guardian or authorised person signs the child out of the service indicating the time of collection.	

Links to associated documents

SO:01.05	<i>Procedure - Incident reporting</i>
SO:01.05.T1	<i>Template - Incident record</i>
C&K publication	<i>C&K Enrolment Booklet</i>
SO:01:17:F2	<i>Form - Additional Emergency Contact</i>
SO.01.17:F3	<i>Form - Late fee charge</i>

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