

OVERNIGHT CARE

OVERNIGHT CARE REQUIREMENTS

Section 18(1)

Subject to section 9.1, an applicant may be licensed to provide care for children for 24 hours per day, if the director is satisfied that a need is demonstrated in a community which cannot be met otherwise.

Section 18(2)

If a licensee is licensed to provide care for children for 24 hours per day, the licensee may provide overnight care to children during a recognized period for sleeping during the night.

BEDDING AND SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS

Section 18(3)

Every licensee caring for children overnight shall ensure that:

- (a) all children have separate bedding and sleeping accommodations to meet their individual developmental needs; and
- (b) school age children have separate rooms for sleeping for males and females.

Guideline

A separate playpen or crib compliant with the requirements of the *Hazardous Products Act* (Canada) is provided, for each child less than 18 months of age.

Information is available from Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada regarding the conditions playpens and cribs must meet.

A separate, safe and sanitary sleeping accommodation is provided for each child 18 months to six years old.

Bedding should include top covers and a sheet or blanket as a bottom cover. Sheets are to be stored according to Public Health Authority rules. The bottom cover must completely cover the sleeping surface and be secured in place. Bedding must be laundered regularly.

STAFF AWAKE

Section 18(7)

Every licensee shall ensure that staff on duty are awake at all times and immediately available to children as needed during the night.

RATIOS AND GROUP SIZES

Section 18(8)

The ratios and group sizes identified in section 8 shall apply with the exception that:

- (a) ratios and group sizes may not exceed one staff person supervising a maximum of 8 children in one sleeping room; and
- (b) there shall be a minimum of two staff on duty at all times, or the applicable staff to child ratio as set out in section 8, whichever is the greater.

GROUPING OF CHILDREN

Section 18(9)

Every licensee shall ensure that children are grouped to ensure that sleeping children are not disturbed by the arrival and departure of other children.

BATHING FACILITIES

Section 18(10)

A licensee shall provide facilities for bathing, showering or sponge-bathing for all children receiving overnight care and all children must be bathed or showered individually and supervised, according to their developmental needs.

Guideline

Grooming items and sleepwear must not be exchanged among children. All items must be marked with the child's name and stored according to Public Health Authority rules. Items should be laundered regularly.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Section 18(14)

Every licensee shall ensure that an emergency evacuation plan for the evacuation of sleeping children is developed, practiced monthly by staff and posted in the child care centre.

Guideline

See section 17, Emergency Procedures.

NUTRITION

Section 18(15)

The nutrition requirements of section 16 shall apply to a licensee who provides overnight care.

Guideline

See section 16, Nutrition.

SECURITY SYSTEM

Section 18(16)

An approved security system shall be provided by the licensee if overnight care is provided.

Guideline

The proposed security system must be approved by the Manitoba Child Care Program prior to installation.

The purpose of this security system is to ensure only authorized persons may enter the centre.

Any system being considered should also be approved by the fire authority to ensure evacuation requirements are met.

