



# Dubbo West Public School Preschool

## Procedure: Anaphylaxis

### Links to relevant legislation:

Regulation 168(2)(d)  
Regulation 90  
Regulation 91  
Regulation 92  
Regulation 93  
Regulation 94  
Regulation 95  
Regulation 96

### Links to National Quality Standard:

Standard 2.1

### Links to EYLF:

Outcome 3.2

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### Introduction:

Anaphylaxis is a severe life-threatening allergic reaction and needs to be regarded as a medical emergency. In most cases, anaphylactic reactions can be prevented with precautions to avoid the known allergen, however, when anaphylaxis occurs an emergency response is required.

### Aims:

- All staff at Dubbo West Public School Preschool should be aware of children with anaphylaxis and consider ways to reduce their exposure to known allergens.
- Staff at Dubbo West Public School will be confident in identifying and treating anaphylaxis should it occur at our service.

### Procedures:

- All staff at Dubbo West Public School Preschool will undertake Anaphylaxis training.
- The Preschool will always have an in date EPIPEN available, stored on top of the first aid kit, in the kitchen for ease of access. A general action plan will be kept with the Preschool EPIPEN.
- The Preschool EPIPEN will be taken on all excursions with the general plan. If a child with known anaphylaxis is enrolled at the service, the Preschool will take their EPIPEN and action plan as well as the general use EPIPEN and plan on all excursions.
- Parents need to advise the school if their child is diagnosed with an allergy and is at risk of anaphylaxis.
- Parents will then be asked to have an ASCIA Action Plan written and signed by their local GP so that staff know what to do in the case of an anaphylactic reaction.

- All children with a medical condition will need to have a risk management plan, medication plan and a communication plan .
- In accordance with Department of education policy, families will assist staff in completing:
  1. Specific health care plans (in conjunction with Medical professionals)
  2. Emergency care plan and cover sheet
  3. Consent to share information about a child's health condition
    - Parents will be handed copies of: (signed copies should also be placed into the child's file)
- All staff at Dubbo West Public School Preschool will be immediately informed about who the child is and revise their action plan so that everyone feels confident in the case of an emergency.
- Staff will ask that nut products and peanuts, which are a high risk allergen, are not brought to preschool in children's lunchboxes.
- At least one person who has undertaken approved anaphylaxis training and one who has undertaken approved emergency asthma training must be in attendance and immediately available at all times.
- The child's Action Plan, including their photo will be displayed in the kitchen on the fridge where it is clearly visible.
- A copy of the ASCIA plan will be placed in the casual folder as well as the school staff room so that lunch duty teachers are aware of which children have anaphylaxis