

# POLICY FOR ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE AGAINST A CHILDMINDER

As a Childminder working alone I may be vulnerable to allegations of abuse being made against me or another adult in my home. I will take precautions to protect myself from this happening by:

Ensuring all household members aged 16 and over are CRB cleared.

Ensuring all visitors to the house do not have unsupervised access to the children under any circumstances.

Ensuring, where possible, that no workmen/women are in the house during minded hours, unless it is to repair an emergency service or for health and safety reasons.

Documenting every accident and incident that occurs whilst children are in my care, informing parents of such events and requesting them to sign my records.

Noting any noticeable marks on the children when they arrive and asking parents to inform me of any accidents that have occurred whilst outside my care.

Ensuring the children are within sight and/or hearing at all times according to the child's age & stage of ability.

Keeping accurate records on each child.

However, if an allegation is made I will then follow the procedure detailed below in order to gain support and professional advice:

Contact :

The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) immediately to discuss the nature of the allegation and the appropriate action to be taken. 01392 384964

Ofsted to advise them of the allegation 0300 123 1231

Noel Quinn Ltd 0845 604 1765

I will write a detailed record of all related incidents, including what was said and by whom, with times and dates.

After seeking advice/approval from LADO, I will ask witnesses (if there were any) to also write a statement detailing the incident they witnessed and giving their contact details in case it needs to be followed up by the authorities.

If you have any concerns regarding this procedure please do discuss them with me.

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Childminder's signature	
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