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1- Purpose:

- To ensure commitment of all nurseries with the public health requirements.
- To insure the implementation of unified health requirement in all nurseries in the Emirate of Dubai.

2- Scope:

- The health requirement is applicable in all nurseries in the Emirate of Dubai.

3- Responsibility:

- 1-3- Director of Public Health & Safety Department.
- 2-3- Head of Health Control Section.
- 4-3- Public Health Inspection Officer.
- 5-3- Assistant Public Health inspector.

4- Details of implementation:

4-1. Licenses:

Nurseries shall get the following licenses:

- 4-1-1. A valid professional trade license issued from Department of Economic Development should be available.
- 4-1-2. Approval from Planning Department in Dubai Municipality.
- 4-1-3. Approval from Ministry of Social Affairs.
- 4-1-4. Updated staff list.

4-2. Location:

- 4-2-1. Nurseries should be located in a quiet place away from noise and pollutions and in a ground villa.

4-3. Construction and general maintenance:

- 4-3-1. Buildings should be constructed with concrete, and the use of wooden cabins or port cabins is not allowed.
- 4-3-2. Not allowed to use asbestos.
- 4-3-3. Regular maintenance for the building, tools and toys should be maintained.

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4-3-4. Paint / varnish work is allowed only on periodic holidays (the holidays between semesters), and not allowed on weekends.

4-3-5. Any maintenance work must be performed after the official working hours.

4-3-6. If any necessary / emergency maintenance is needed, the area must be secured and insure non-presence of children in the working area.

4-4. Electricity:

4-4-1. Insure that all electric powers are secured/closed.

4-4-2. Damaged electrical wires must be replaced.

4-4-3. Secure wires and electrical connections to avoid damage, accidents and to avoid falls.

4-4-5. Do not over load the electrical power sockets.

4-5. Rooms and Classrooms:

4-5-1. Ventilation and lighting should be sufficient.

4-5-2. Floors, walls and ceilings should be free from defects.

4-5-3. Floors must be either ceramic or marble.

4-5-4. Windows to have fine wire mesh to prevent bugs.

4-5-5. Each child to have 1sq.meter of space.

4-5-6. Distance between front row of child setting and the board wall should not be less than 6 feet.

4-5-7. Furniture should be in a good condition and appropriate to the age of child.

4-5-8. It is prohibited to use chalks.

4-5-9. Children should be separated based on their age as the following:

- 45 days – 6 months.
- 6 months – 1 year.
- 1 year – 2 years.
- 2 years – 3 years.
- 3 years – 4 years.

4-5-10. Nurseries should be provided with suitable cots/beds for children.

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4-6. The activity hall:

- 4-6-1. A suitable hall with sufficient and suitable toys must be provided for children's activities.
- 4-6-2. Toys must be consistent with international standards and are compatible with the requirements of Dubai Municipality.
- 4-6-3. Toys must be large and hard to swallow.
- 4-6-4. Its prohibited to use toys that contain magnets or high levels of electromagnetic energy (EMF).
- 4-6-5. Toys must not compose risk to the children (such as sharp parts, dangerous corners or high temperature, etc.).
- 4-6-6. Toys must be cleaned, sterilized and stored properly.
- 4-6-7. Toys should be checked/tested periodically to insure its safety.

4-7. Playgrounds:

- 4-7-1. Adequate, safe and shaded outside playing areas must be provided.
- 4-7-2. All toys must be free from any defects.
- 4-7-3. Sharp parts and edges must be covered.
- 4-7-4. All toys must suit the age group of children in the nursery.
- 4-7-5. Playground must be cleaned and sterilized regularly.
- 4-7-6. If ball house is available, both the house and balls must be cleaned and sterilized regularly. A cleaning record must be kept.

4-8. Swimming pool:

- 4-8-1. The nursery pool must not exceed 50cm in depth.
- 4-8-2. Close and secure pool area when not using the pool.
- 4-8-3. Provide qualified life guard for the pool.
- 4-8-4. Nursery must comply with the instructions of Dubai Municipality described in the technical guideline on the safety of swimming pools

4-9. Gates & walls:

- 4-9-1. Doors should not be located and open on the main road.

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4-9-2. Barriers to be provided outside gates to prevent children from rushing to the main road.

4-10. Transportation:

4-10-1. Provide convenient, air-conditioned and safe transportation with the presence of female supervisor to ensure the safety of children.

4-10-2. Provide shading areas for buses.

4-11. Staff:

4-11-1. Provide sufficient number of female supervisors and teachers as the requirements of Child Department in Ministry of Social Affairs, and their presence must be constant with the children.

4-11-2. A female nurse must be provided and licensed from Dubai Health Authority.

4-11-3. Staff must be allocated for the cleanliness of children, and other staff to prepare their food to prevent the overlapping of their functions.

4-11-4. All nursery staff must have Occupational Health Card (OHC).

4-11-5. Uniforms must be worn during working hours.

4-11-6. Workers must maintain personal hygiene.

4-12. Health Services:

4-12-1. The nursery must keep equipments, toys and beds clean and sterilized on regular basis.

4-12-2. The nurse room must comply with conditions and equipments as per Ministry of Health requirements.

4-12-3. First aid room must be provided with necessary equipments.

4-12-4. A medical record must be provided for each child.

4-13. Dining facilities:

4-13-1. The nursery must provide an appropriate kitchen that meets the health requirements of the Food Control Department at Dubai Municipality, and comply with requirements in case of food preparation within the nursery. It is forbidden to provide fast food or meals with low nutritional values (such as sweets, chips and soft drinks) for children.

4-13-2. Gas cylinders must be outside of the building, shaded and ventilated.

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4-14. Drinking Water:

- 4-14-1. Clean and pure drinking water coolers must be provided.
- 4-14-2. Coolers must be kept clean and filters must be changed when necessary.
- 4-14-3. A contract with water tanks maintenance company approved by Dubai Municipality must be provided, and the water tank should be cleaned every 6 months.
- 4-14-4. Records of cleanliness and maintenance of water tank must be kept.

4-15. Toilets:

- 4-15-1. Floors and walls must be (at least two meters height) of ceramic and free from damage and should always be clean.
- 4-15-2. The ventilation and lighting should sufficient.
- 4-15-3. its prohibited to wash children's dinnerware and feeding bottles in the toilets.
- 4-15-4. Hands washing soap, sanitizing machines and tissues must be provided.
- 4-15-5. A store should be provided to keep cleaning tools and materials.

4-16. Waste disposal:

- 4-16-1. Suitable and sufficient waste containers to be available.
- 4-16-2. Waste should be disposed properly.
- 4-16-3. All nursery's facilities must be kept clean.

4-17. Pest Control:

- 4-17-1. The nursery must be kept free from pests.
- 4-17-2. A contract with a pest control company must be provided, with a record of at least 4 visits during an academic year.
- 4-17-3. Shelves should be provided in the store to prevent the reproduction of insects.

4-18. Smoking is prohibited in the nursery.

4-19. Provide a sufficient number of clean towels, and it is forbidden to re-use towels for more than one child.

4-20. Provide safety system to protect children from exposure to health risks.

4-21. It is prohibited to allow sick children in the nursery to prevent the transmission of infection.

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4-22. Emergency protocols:

Provide emergency plans and programs that include:

- 4-22-1. Evacuation of the building in case of emergency.
- 4-22-2. Act in case of accidents.
- 4-22-3. Staff must be trained to use fire fitting equipments.
- 4-22-4. Staff must be trained on first aid procedures and equipments.