

Allegations of Abuse Against a childminder Policy



As a Childminder working alone I am more vulnerable to allegations of abuse being made against my family or me.

I will take precautions to protect myself from this happening by:

- Ensuring all household members over the age of 16 are DBS certified
- Ensure all visitors to my house sign my diary and do not have unsupervised access to the children under any circumstances.
- I will not leave a minded child in a room alone with a visitor, unless I know they have been DBS cleared, for example another Ofsted Registered childminder.
- I will request identification from all visitors not known to me and will refuse entry if I am unsure of them.
- Ensure where possible that no workmen are in the house during minded hours unless it is to repair an emergency service or for Health and safety reasons
- Any injuries that a child has on arrival must be logged in my accident and medication book under existing injuries. A brief explanation from the parent on how the injury occurred will be required along with a signature.
- Any accidents which occur whilst a child is in my care will also be logged with an explanation as to how the accident occurred and again a signature will be required to witness the entry.
- Ensure the children are supervised at all times

However sometimes allegations are made, and this unfortunate situation cannot be avoided. I will then follow the procedure below in order to gain support and professional advice.

I will follow the local safeguarding children's board procedure and check my safeguarding policy, speak to my childcare development officer and Ofsted within 14 days, but as soon as possible following their advice as to whether to continue working.

Contact:

Local Authority Designated officer (LADO), Darrel Claws 01273 295643

Darrel.claws@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Morten Michel legal advice line

OFSTED (0300 123 1231) within 14 days of a complaint being made.

I will write a detailed record of all related incidents, included what was said and by whom, with times and dates. I will ask any witnesses (if there were any) to 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.

Lucy Madge March 2018