

2:7 POISONOUS PLANTS POLICY

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RATIONALE

Children will sometimes eat things they find, including the berries, leaves and even the bark of plants and trees. When they sample plants that are poisonous, illness and sometimes death can result. There are a number of plants that are toxic but fortunately many are rare or unlikely to interest children.

Teachers responsibilities

It is the responsibility of teachers to ensure that as far as possible plants which are harmful to children, are made inaccessible, and those plants with poisonous berries/fruit, are not grown within the centre grounds. Checking for poisonous plants is part of the daily OSH check list.

National Poisons centre Contact Details

Emergency phone number: 03 474 7000 or 0800 POISON (0800 764 766)