

Epping North OSHCP

Excursion Risk Assessment

Excursion Details			
Dates of excursion	12th July 2023	Excursion destination:	Macquarie Ice Rink
Departure and Arrival Times	Depart school 10:30am, depart Macquarie 2pm		
Proposed Activities	Children have free time on the ice skating rink, learn to skate and practice their skills!	Water Hazards?	Yes/ No
		If yes, detail in risk assessment below	
Method of transport, including proposed route and seatbelts (if applicable)	Private bus hired, route attached. Seat beats not applicable/Seatbelts not required in NSW on buses	Estimated Duration of Trip: 10 mins	
Name of RPD	Jake Marsden	Contact Number of RPD	02 9868 5690
Number of children attending excursion	Estimated: 30 Actual:	Number of educators/parents/volunteers	Estimated: 4 Actual:
Educator to child ratio, including whether this excursion warrants a higher ratio? Please provide details.	1:10 Ratio as per normal excursion ratio- no higher staffing requirements needed.		
Educators on excursion (Names):	Educator Training:	Educators Contact Details (to be completed on staff copy of RA only):	Educators to Sign once they have read & understood the Risk Management Plan:
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Plan Prepared By:	Jake Marsden	Date Prepared: 14/06/2023	Date Visited: 14/06/2023 (Jake Marsden)
Additional Venue Information:	Yes-attached/ No		
Reminder: Monitor the effectiveness of controls and change if necessary. Review the risk assessment if an incident or significant change occurs.			
Excursion Checklist			

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack First Aid Kits incl tissues, hand sanitiser, sick bags | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR Excursion hats worn by each child |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Roll of Children attending excursion and contact numbers | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR All children checked for food applicable and full water bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack List of Medical information for each child attending excursion | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR Wristbands to be worn by all children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Camera + Mobile phone with battery | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR Conduct Roll call prior to excursion and give instructions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Medication and Action Plans for each child with a Medical Condition | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR check permission notes are signed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Sunscreen | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR Put children into groups if necessary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack walkie talkies (1 per educator) | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR Centre Phone on divert to RPD mobile (*21 $_{phonenumber}$ #)
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Activity	Hazard identified	Risk assessment (use Matrix)	Elimination/control measures	Who	When	Residual Risk Rating
Ice Skating	Falling/Tripping	Moderate	Children that have limited ability will be encouraged to skate around the edge of the rink and will be closely monitored by educators and centre staff.	Children, educators	Prior to excursion, during activity	Moderate
Ice Skating	Minor Injury (Graze, cut, bruise)	Moderate	Educators will instruct children to tell them if they sustain any injury on the excursion. Educators will supervise all children and attend to any injuries they sustain as a normal first aid incident.	Educators	Prior to excursion, during activity	Moderate
Ice Skating	Major injury (eg. Large cut from skates)	High	Educators will inform Rink staff if serious injury has occurred and if the patrons on the ice will need to stop skating. If possible, child should be moved off the ice and first aid given. If serious Ambulance should be called immediately. Educators provide first aid as best they can such as stopped bleeding and immobilising child if necessary, while keeping them calm and warm.	Educators	At any time of serious incident	High
Ice Skating	Finger Injuries whilst skating	High	Children will be instructed prior to the activity that when falling they should tuck their fingers into a fist to reduce the risk of another participant skating over their fingers. Children should also attempt to get back up off the ground quickly if unhurt and alert an educator / Rink staff if they are more seriously hurt.	Educators and children	Prior to activity, during activity	High
Ice Skating	Injury due to poorly fitted skates	High	When putting on their skates, educators will ensure that the skates are properly fitted to the children. This is tight enough that two fingers cannot be inserted into the skate or the ankles cannot collapse or be inverted when standing up.	Educators	Prior to activity and returning to the ice	Moderate

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Walking to and from Venue - multiple Educators on excursion	Being injured by traffic while crossing road or walking	Extreme	<p>Staff: child ratio will be a minimum of 1 adult to 10 children. Children will walk in pairs on the left hand side of the footpath.</p> <p>The educators will position themselves on the road side when walking to and from the venue to keep the children safe.</p> <p>The lead Educator will cross to the middle of the side street prior to children beginning to cross the road. The Educator in the middle of the group will take over from the lead Educator in the middle of the road as the children cross, allowing the lead Educator to continue with the front of the group. The last Educator will cross at the end of the group, ensuring no children are crossing the road behind them. This formation will allow the educators to block oncoming traffic turning into, or out of, the side streets.</p> <p>Children will be reminded prior to the excursion to cross only when advised by Educators.</p>	<p>Educators and children</p> <p>Educators</p> <p>Educators</p> <p>Educators</p>	<p>Children will be advised of instructions prior to excursion. Educators will position themselves at the beginning of the line, the end of the line and evenly down the middle of the line for the walk to the venue. Educators will remain in this format for entire walk from leaving the centre to the venue and on the return trip.</p>	Moderate

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General	Lost Child	Extreme	All children will wear excursion hat and wristband whilst on the excursion.	Educators to organise wristbands and check children have yellow hat	Hats and wristbands to be worn by each child before departing the OOSH building.	Moderate
Walking through Shopping Centre to Venue	Lost child	Extreme	Whilst walking through the shopping centre, the Educators will ensure all children stay together in one group	Educators	Whilst on excursion	Moderate
General	Sun Burn, Heatstroke, dehydration, Extreme hot weather etc.	Extreme	<p>UV rating will be checked prior to excursion commencing. Children will be required to employ sun safe practices consistent with UV rating, as is required in centre</p> <p>Children and staff will be expected to wear hats at all times when outdoors. Children will put their hats on before leaving the OOSH building. Children without a hat will be given one from the Centre.</p> <p>Children will be checked for drink bottles and asked to ensure all are filled prior to the excursion. Any child without water will be given a sealed pre-purchased water bottle by staff before commencement of excursion. Children will be given regular drink breaks throughout the day to ensure they remain hydrated.</p>	<p>Educators and children</p> <p>Children-directed by Educators</p> <p>Educators</p>	<p>Prior to leaving Centre / as part of daily WHS check</p> <p>Before departure and reminders throughout the day.</p> <p>Prior to leaving the Centre</p>	

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			<p>Where the weather places children at risk that RPD / NS / Committee believe cannot be mitigated appropriately, the excursion will be cancelled</p> <p>Sunscreen will be applied to each child, where permission has been given & UV 3 or above.</p>	<p>RPD / NS to make early decision COB day prior, then final decision morning of excursion</p> <p>Educators</p>	<p>early decision to be made COB day prior to excursion, final decision on morning of excursion</p> <p>Before leaving the service. To be reapplied every two hours throughout the day.</p>	
General	Wet Weather	Moderate	<p>Children will be reminded to bring their wet weather gear on the excursion. Where possible, the centre will provide wet weather gear, such as umbrellas. When there is wet weather, Educators will direct children to use their wet weather gear for any outdoor time on the excursion</p> <p>Parents will be reminded to pack wet weather gear before excursions.</p>	<p>Children, directed by educators</p> <p>Educators and Parents</p>	<p>During briefing, prior to excursion, and whilst on excursion</p> <p>Prior to excursion.</p>	<p>Low</p> <p>Low</p>
General	Toilet Supervision	Moderate	<p>Staff are to inspect toilets before use, to check if safe and all-clear before children use them. Children will be notified of the location of the toilets before activity commences. Staff will ensure children go together minimum as pairs, and where practical, in groups of 3.</p>	<p>Children and Educators</p>	<p>On arrival at the venue and then throughout the day before group use by children.</p>	<p>Low</p>

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General- multiple Educators on Excursion	Serious injuries to a child	Moderate	Where a child has a serious injury, one staff member will render first aid, whilst the others move the other children away and ensure adequate supervision. Where an ambulance is required to be called, the staff member will notify the RPD, and the venue staff who will assist in calling the ambulance. Where a staff member leaving in an ambulance then compromises our child to staff ratio, and the activity is deemed unsafe with the number of remaining educators, the children will immediately be returned to the centre.	Children and Educators	During excursion	Low
General- multiple Educators on Excursion	Serious injury to a staff member	Moderate	Where a staff member has a serious injury, one staff member will render first aid, whilst the others move the children away and ensure adequate supervision. Where an ambulance is required to be called, the staff member will notify the RPD, and the venue staff who will assist in calling the ambulance. Where a staff member leaving in an ambulance then compromises our child to staff ratio, and the activity is deemed unsafe with the number of remaining educators, the children will immediately be returned to the centre	Educators	During excursion	Low
Eating & Drinking on Excursion	Choking whilst drinking and/or eating	High	Children will be provided space to sit during meal times. They will be reminded to sit whilst drinking and eating.	Educators	During excursion	Low

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Eating & Drinking on Excursion	Food Allergies	Extreme	<p>Children's allergies will be discussed with educators prior to departure to ensure all educators are aware.</p> <p>Medication and medical plans are to be kept with each child throughout the day to ensure prompt access when in different areas of the venue.</p> <p>Children will be reminded not to share food</p> <p>Parents to be reminded that the Centre is 'Nut Aware' and nuts are not permitted at the service.</p> <p>Children's will be asked about their morning tea and lunches prior to the excursion to ensure no nuts or any other related allergy products are contained.</p>	<p>Educators</p> <p>Educators</p> <p>Educators</p> <p>Educators and Parents</p> <p>Children, directed by educators</p>	<p>Before departing for the excursion and whilst on excursion.</p> <p>During Excursion.</p> <p>During Excursion.</p> <p>During Vacation Care planning process.</p> <p>Prior to excursion.</p>	Low
Riding on Bus	Injury from sudden braking	High	Children will be reminded to sit while travelling on the bus and to face towards the direction of travel	Educators	During Excursion	Low
Riding on Bus	Boarding and Disembarking off bus	Extreme	Educators will count children on and off the bus to ensure the headcount is correct and matches the total head count of the children on the excursion. Responsible Person on Duty to ensure head count is correct. Number of educators will also be accounted for to ensure all educators are present and ratios are being met. An educator will perform a sweep check of the bus to ensure no children, or belongings are left on the bus.	Educators	As children and educators embark and disembark from the bus.	High

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Riding on Bus	Bus breakdown	Low	Where a bus breaks down, the children will remain on the bus until another bus is organized, Once the replacement bus arrives, the children will swap busses. Where remaining on the bus is considered dangerous (due to heat or mechanical reasons), the RPD will locate a safe area to have the children wait for the new bus to arrive.	Children and Educators	During excursion	Low
Riding on Bus	Bus Accident	High	<p><i>If the accident is not serious:</i> On regular road keep children safe by staying on the bus if it is safe to do so.</p> <p>If not, move children to a safe location on footpath or a grass area that is safe and protected from oncoming traffic.</p> <p><i>If the accident is serious:</i> Move those able to walk away from the scene of the accident to a safe location. This will need to be assessed at the time.</p> <p>Assess casualties and administer first aid as best you can until emergency help arrives.</p> <p>Call '000' and cooperate with emergency services at all times. At least one Educator (if possible) to accompany children to hospital until parents arrive.</p> <p>Contact centre and Manager as soon as possible. – Educators at service will begin contacting parents</p>	Educators and Children directed by Educators	During excursion	Low

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			Keep children safe by staying on the bus if it is safe to do so.			
Walking excursion to and from Venue	Sun Burn, Heatstroke, dehydration, Extreme hot weather etc.	Extreme	Should the temperature become too hot to return to OOSH by foot, alternative arrangements will be made to ensure the safety of each child. Parents will be contacted and notified immediately should there be changes to the daily programs travel arrangements / pickup location.	Educators	Temperature to be assessed prior to leaving on excursion for a decision / alternate plans to be made	Low
General		High	Children will never be left alone with members of the public without supervision. All Educators hold WWCC as do venue staff, and Bus driver.	Educators	During Excursion	Low

Risk Benefit Analysis

Risk	Benefit
* Lost Child	* Development of social skills & expected behaviours when with other people of the community
* Injury on ice - Tripps, grazes and cuts	* Continue to develop relationships with key Educators whilst on the excursion
* Child Protection issues with members of the public	* Relaxation and Recreation
* Injury from bus accident / breakdown / braking	* To learn basic ideas of catching a bus, and how to do so, to encourage life skills
* Choking / food allergy issues when consuming food brought from home	* Improving coordination and balance skills - Fine and Gross Motor Skills
	* Emerging Interest in new skill

Risk Matrix

		Consequence				
		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
Likelihood	Almost certain	Moderate	High	High	Extreme	Extreme
	Likely	Moderate	Moderate	High	Extreme	Extreme
	Possible	Low	Moderate	High	High	Extreme
	Unlikely	Low	Low	Moderate	High	High
	Rare	Low	Low	Low	Moderate	High

Pick Up Location: Boundary Rd, Outside Epping North OSHCP

Drop Off Location: Macquarie Centre bus terminal, Herring Road.

