



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Facility #: _____

Diapering Policy Statement

Name of Facility: _____

Name of Owner/Operator: _____

Address: _____

Does your facility intend on caring for children who are in diapers or being toilet trained (e.g. pull ups):

YES **NO**

Note: Child Care Centers that enroll children who are not fully toilet trained, e.g. children in diapers and/or 'pull-ups' will be required to provide an appropriately designed diaper change table/mat design and an adjacent, designated handwash sink in each area/room where children require changing.

Possible exception to the above requirement may include children with special needs who, because of their age, height, weight or particular disability cannot be safely changed on a diaper table.

Diaper change table/mat design:

The diaper change table/mat design should be designed so that they are:

- Roughly waist height (for teachers) to reduce the potential for back strain or injury when changing children. Teachers may utilize footstools when assisting older or heavier children onto the table(s).
- Of sturdy construction and shall have a length and width adequate to safely accommodate all children who require diapering, e.g. commonly children up to 3 ½ years of age.
- A safety ledge, approximately 2 ½ to 3 inches (6 - 7.5 cm) high above the diaper change surface and running at least ¾ of the length of the table is recommended to prevent accidental falls.
- Diaper table, safety straps and mat surfaces shall be composed of smooth, non-absorbent and easily cleanable materials. Mats with buttons, quilted stitching or breaks in material, woven straps that can trap soil/dirt/debris and so on are not appropriate.
- If a curved mat is used the curvature must be at least 2 ½ inches above the diaper change surface. A means of preventing the mat from sliding off the surface will also be required (e.g. ledge, Velcro, non-slip mat).
- The designated diapering area shall be located separately from food preparation and food storage areas and eating areas.
- The table shall be used for no other purpose other than the diapering of children.

Signature of Child Care Centre Owner/Operator: _____

Date: _____