

GEORGE GREGAN PLAYGROUND - CHW POLICY®

DOCUMENT SUMMARY/KEY POINTS

- The George Gregan Playground is designed for the use of patients and their families.
- The George Gregan Playground has been designed, for children with sickness and disabilities.
- The Playground is located at the rear entrance to the Hospital in the Children's Garden.
- Rules of use are displayed at entry and exit to the Playground.
- Maintenance of the area is the responsibility of both the Maintenance and Cleaning Services Departments.
- A Liability Statement is provided in this document.

CHANGE SUMMARY

- Due for mandatory review – no changes

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READ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- Staff working in the following areas should read and acknowledge they understand the contents of this policy:
 - The George Gregan Playground Committee
 - The Maintenance Department
 - Cleaning Services Department
 - Child Life Therapy Department
 - Occupational Therapy Department
 - Physiotherapy Department
 - The Hospital School
 - The Hospital Child Care Centre

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Introduction

The Playground, located at the rear entrance to the Hospital, was an initiative of the George Gregan Foundation. The Foundation funded the construction of the playground and supports ongoing maintenance. It was developed with the help of staff within the Hospital and custom-designed to provide entree to children with all levels of ability, including wheelchair access and children with their IV drips. Parents and their visiting siblings are able to use the playground. The playground space and equipment are utilised by Child Life Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists as part of their care/therapy treatment.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Provide safety guidelines for users of the George Gregan Playground.
- Ensure the equipment and natural landscape of the playground is maintained.

Location

The George Gregan Playground is located at the exit on level one of The Children's Hospital at Westmead, in the Children's Garden. Location can be found on the hospital map at: <http://intranet.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/files/attachments/37/prd1238-hospital-floor-plan-updates-2013singlepg-lr.pdf>

Displayed Playground Rules

The following rules are displayed at the entry and exit of the playground (Adherence to the rules is essential):

1. Private playground for hospital staff, patients, families and guests only.
2. Children must be accompanied by parent or carer.
3. No smoking in playground and garden area.
4. Please keep out of garden beds.
5. Children should use equipment that is appropriate for their age and ability.
6. Make sure children wear appropriate sun protection.
7. Teach children to take care near pieces of equipment that move such as swings.
8. No dogs allowed.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance of the George Gregan Playground is the responsibility of both Cleaning Services and Maintenance Departments.

The Cleaning Services Department is responsible for regular cleaning of the George Gregan Playground. This includes:

- Wiping down of tables and chairs
- Wiping down of dirty equipment
- Cleaning any spillage and
- Picking up of rubbish

The Maintenance Department responsibilities include:

- Regular care of gardens and garden beds
- Fixing of faulty equipment
- Follow up of issues brought to attention by the staff, patients and their families.

Routine issues relating to the playground are to be logged through the Maintenance Request online. However, urgent issues need to be reported directly to the Maintenance Department for immediate action. If the safety concern is noted after hours, the After Hours Director of Nursing should be contacted via switch.

Inspection Report

The George Gregan Playground Committee will conduct quarterly inspections along with the Maintenance Department.

Liability Statement

The Children's Hospital at Westmead takes no responsibility for the misuse of equipment by users. Please note that the safe and sensible use of the area and age appropriate use of equipment is advised.

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