

# **Health and Safety Policy**

Peepo Sensory considers health and safety to be of utmost importance. We comply with The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 at all times.

We conduct a Health and Safety health check quarterly.

Peepo Sensory has appropriate insurance cover, including public liability insurance.

Each member of staff follows the Peepo Sensory Health and Safety policy and is responsible for:

- Maintaining a safe environment
- Taking reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and others attending the activities
- Reporting all accidents and incidents which have caused injury or damage or may do so in the future
- Undertaking relevant health and safety training when required to do so by the manager.

Any member of staff who disregards safety instructions or recognised safe practices will be subject to disciplinary procedures.

### Responsibilities of the registered person

The registered person for the setting holds ultimate responsibility and liability for the safe operation of activities. The registered person will ensure that:

- Peepo Sensory has a designated health and safety officer
- All staff receive information on health and safety matters, and receive training where necessary
- The Health and Safety policy and procedures are reviewed regularly
- Staff understand and follow health and safety procedures
- Resources are provided to meet the Peepo Sensory health and safety responsibilities
- All accidents, incidents and dangerous occurrences are properly reported and recorded. This includes informing Ofsted, child protection agencies and the Health and Safety Executive under RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995) where appropriate.
- All reported accidents, incidents and dangerous occurrences are reviewed, so that preventative measures can be taken.

### Responsibilities of the manager

The Peepo Sensory manager is responsible for ensuring that at each session:

- Premises are clean, well lit, adequately ventilated and maintained at an appropriate temperature
- All the Peepo Sensory equipment is safely and securely stored
- A working telephone is available on the premises at all times
- Chemicals and cleaning materials are stored appropriately, and in accordance with CoSSH data sheets.
- External pathways are cleared in severe weather
- Daily venue and environment checks are carried out in accordance with our Risk Assessment policy.

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## Toys and equipment

All furniture, toys and equipment are kept clean, well maintained and in good repair. We select toys, equipment and resources with care, and we carry out risk assessments before the children are allowed to use them. Broken toys and equipment are disposed of promptly. We ensure that any flammable equipment is stored safely.

#### Food and personal hygiene

Staff at Peepo Sensory maintain high standards of personal hygiene, and take all practicable steps to prevent and control the spread of infection.

- A generally clean environment is maintained at all times.
- Toilets are cleaned daily and soap and hand drying facilities are always available.
- Staff are trained and follow appropriate guidelines.
- Waste is disposed of safely and all bins are kept covered.
- Staff ensure that children wash their hands before handling food or drink and after using the toilet.
- Cuts and abrasions (whether on children or staff) are kept covered.

#### Responsibilities of class attendees

All children attending classes must be supervised by their parent/carer at all times. At no point should a baby or child be left unsupervised by their parent or carer. Please see our Terms and Conditions and Safeguarding Policies with reference to this requirement.