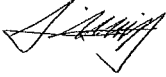
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1. Scope

- 1.1. Staff, management, families and children.

2. Policy Statement

The YMCA of Sydney aims to provide a clean and safe environment by ensuring that every effort is made to maintain a vermin free centre. We will endeavour to do this with the minimum use of chemicals.

3. Related Policies & Procedures/Guidance Notes

- 3.1. Hygiene Policy
- 3.2. Safe environment Policy

4. Responsibilities & Delegations

- 4.1. The Childcare Taskforce is responsible for the review of this policy.
- 4.2. The Childcare staff & management are responsible for the implementation of this policy.
- 4.3. The families and children are responsible for the support of this policy.

5. Considerations


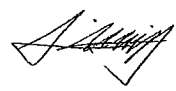
- 5.1. National Standards
- 5.2. Q&A Principles
- 5.3. Occupational Health & Safety Act.

6. Records Maintenance

- 6.1. This policy is to be reviewed annually.

PROCEDURES

- Equipment and especially food items will be properly stored so as not to attract pests and vermin.
- Refuse bins and disposal areas will be emptied and cleaned daily.
- Kitchen and food preparation areas and storage will be cleaned and maintained daily.

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- All areas will be checked daily for any signs of pests or vermin.
- Should any pests or vermin be identified then action should be taken to rid the centre of the problem by:
 - Initially using non-chemical methods such as physical removal, maintaining a clean environment, and use of any non-chemical products.
 - Low irritant, environmentally friendly sprays to be used minimally and only with adequate ventilation and preferably not in the presence of the children.
 - Other methods such as the employment of a pest control company if deemed necessary by management where the above methods have failed.
- All parents will be notified of any use of chemicals.
- Any use of chemical products should only be conducted outside the hours of the children's and staff presence in the building.
- All action will be taken to remove the children, staff and parents from the environment for as long as is safe and viable.

7. Version History

Version	Description of changes	Author	Effective Date
2	Review and update. New format	M. Rupnik	December 2009

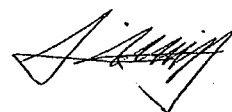
I endorse the Pest Control Policy.

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Date: 7 December 2009

Name: *Liam Whitley*
 Group Manager

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