

2.41 POWER FAILURE PROCEDURE

INTRODUCTION

In the event of a power failure, staff must know how to protect themselves and the children from risks of harm and follow a safety procedure.

PURPOSE

Lindfield Montessori School aims to protect the wellbeing and safety of staff, children, and other persons at the preschool.

STRATEGIES

Lindfield Montessori School endorses the following procedure be followed in the event of a power failure:

- Stay calm and comfort any child experiencing distress
- Move to an area best illuminated by the emergency lighting
- Wherever possible, switch off any electrical appliances that have been in use
- The Directress is to contact the relevant authority to try to ascertain the potential length of the interruption
- The Directress to assess the situation to determine whether an evacuation will be necessary.
- Staff have a flashlight app on their phones to facilitate exit in case of emergency.
- If safe to continue with natural light, the Nominated Supervisor or Responsible Person may make this decision.

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