

P4: Safety and suitability of premises, environment, and equipment – Toilets and intimate hygiene - Childminders

What do I need to know?

- Legal Framework
 - [Equality Act 2010](#)
- [Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) page 27, paragraph 3.70

Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment – Toilets and intimate hygiene (page 44 of audit)	Things to consider and discuss:
Do you ensure there is an adequate number of toilets and hand basins available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you determine what is an adequate number of toilets and hand basins? How often do you review this? • How do you ensure toilets and hand basins are easily accessible?
Do you ensure there are suitable hygienic changing facilities for changing any children who are in nappies?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have clear nappy changing and, or intimate care policies & procedures in place? What are these procedures? How do you know these are implemented by all staff? • How do you ensure your changing facilities meet the individual needs of children and your procedures keep children and staff safe? • How do you ensure stringent hygiene procedures are implemented to meet health and safety requirements? • How do you ensure you keep up-to-date with the latest hygiene recommendations? • What opportunities do children have which help them to learn about safety and good hygiene procedures? • How do you promote good personal hygiene (including the handling of animals) Is this information included with your policies and procedures? • How do you balance privacy with safety?

Do you make sure that an adequate supply of clean bedding, towels, spare clothes and any other necessary items always available?

- What would be an adequate quantity of clean bedding, towels, spare clothes, etc?
- How do you ensure these are always available? How frequently are supplies restocked?

Useful links and further help:

[Health visiting \(0 to 5 years\): Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities: prevention and control](#)

[How to change your baby's nappy - NHS](#)

[Derbyshire SchoolsNet - Early Years Quality Team](#)

[Derbyshire Early Years Service - Eventbrite](#)

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