




1. Edmonton Catholic Schools is responsible for the establishment and the provision of information, programs and resources to maintain compliance with relevant statutes and agencies. The personal safety of each student and employee will be considered fundamental to the design of all facilities and programs.
2. Supervisors are accountable for the health and safety of persons who report to them. Supervisors shall ensure that persons directed by them understand and comply with prescribed safety regulations and work practices. Supervisors shall investigate all hazards of which they become aware and shall take appropriate corrective action.
3. The Principal is responsible for the effective supervision of students during all approved activities.
4. All staff members shall take reasonable care to protect the health and safety of the students, themselves, fellow staff members, and guests. All staff members shall be vigilant at all times for unsafe conditions and shall report such conditions to the principal/supervisor as soon as possible.
5. Contractors and subcontractors undertaking work for Edmonton Catholic Schools must, as part of their contract, comply with all relevant workplace and environmental health and safety statutes and to meet or exceed Edmonton Catholic Schools safety program requirements.
6. Students and guests are required by Edmonton Catholic Schools policy to comply with all Edmonton Catholic Schools health, safety and environmental procedures.
7. Because there is an inherent risk of injury in most physical education settings, educators must be careful not to breach the standard of care owed to their students. Before an activity is undertaken it must be determined that:
  - a. the activity is suitable to the age, mental and physical condition of the participants;
  - b. the participants have been progressively taught and coached to perform the activity properly and to avoid the dangers inherent in the activity;
  - c. the equipment is adequate and suitably arranged; and
  - d. the activity is being supervised properly for the inherent risk involved.
8. All students and staff members should be required to use protective equipment as necessary. Protective equipment should be CSA approved (where applicable), appropriate for the activity and suitably sized.
9. The principal shall ensure playground equipment is checked regularly and any deficiencies reported to the Maintenance Department immediately. The maintenance of playground equipment is the responsibility of the Maintenance Department.
  - a. A custodian shall check the playground equipment at least twice per week. A copy of the inspection form is in the Forms Section. A log must be kept of inspections.
  - b. A supervising staff member should do a quick visual check each day.



10. All staff members are expected to be familiar with and follow Workplace Hazardous Materials Information Systems (WHMIS) regulations as stated in the WHMIS Handbook. Staff members responsible for transporting dangerous goods (TDG) must be familiar with the regulations pertaining to the transportation of dangerous goods.
11. Body fluids, other potentially infectious materials, and mouse droppings must be disposed of properly and the contaminated areas cleansed by trained personnel.

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