

CHAPTER THREE: BUILDING, EQUIPMENT AND PLAYGROUND

Building, Equipment and Playground	Equipment and Furnishings
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Policy

North Hastings children's Services shall ensure that the play equipment and furnishings are adequate to serve the licensed capacity of the children enrolled.

Procedures

North Hastings Children's Services shall ensure the following steps are followed:

1. Equipment and furnishings are such of a type design so as to meet the needs of the children enrolled, having regard of the ages of the children, their developmental levels and the type of program offered in the Child Care Centre.
2. The play equipment is sufficient in the quantity to allow for rotation and includes equipment for gross motor activity in the playground area.
3. Toys and equipment shall be cleaned on a weekly basis and inspected carefully at that time to ensure that they are in safe/satisfactory condition for continued use.

North Hastings Children's services shall ensure that the following equipment and furnishings are provided in the licensed program.

Bedding and Toileting

Infants:

- A table or counter space for every ten children based on the licensed capacity that is adjacent to a sink and suitable for dressing or changing the diaper of one child at a time (1 sink and 1 flush for every 10 children)
- A cradle or crib that complies with the regulations under the Canada Consumer Product safety Act for infants younger than 12 months.
- An infant who is 12 months or older but younger than 18 months may use a cot in accordance with any written instructions from the child's parents.

Toddlers:

- A counter or table space for every 10 children based on the license capacity that is adjacent to a sink and suitable for dressing or changing of one child at a time. (1 sink and 1 flush toilet for every 10 children)

- A cot and bedding for each toddler enrolled for six hours or more per day.

Preschoolers:

- A cot and bedding for each preschooler enrolled for six hours or more per day.
- At least one sink and one flush toilet for every ten children.

School Age:

- A separate washroom for boys and girls
- At least one sink and one flush toilet for ten children.

Any exceptions must be approved by the Ministry of Education.