



Procedure for Allegations of Abuse against a Childminder

As a Childminder working alone I am more vulnerable to allegations of abuse being made against my family or me. I will take precautions to protect myself from this happening by:

- Ensuring all household members over 16 are CRB cleared
- Ensuring all visitors to the house sign the visitors book and do not have unsupervised access to the children under any circumstances
- Ensuring, where possible, that no workmen are in the house during minded hours, unless it is to repair an emergency service or for Health and Safety Reasons
- Document minor and major accidents and incidents that occurs whilst in my care, informing parents and requesting them to sign my record
- Noting any marks on the children when they arrive and asking parents to inform me of any accidents that have occurred whilst outside my care
- Ensuring the children are supervised at all times
- Keeping accurate records on each child and writing a daily diary

However sometimes allegations are made and this unfortunate situation cannot be avoided. I will then follow the procedure detailed below, in order to gain support and professional advice:

Contact: Trafford MIRAS team
NCMA Legal Advice Line
Ofsted

I will write a detailed record of all related incidents, including what was said and by whom, with times and dates.

I will ask any witnesses (if there were any) to also write a statement detailing the incident they witnessed and giving their contact details in case it needs to be followed up by the authorities.

I have read and understood the details of this policy

Signed

Date

Please note

As a part of my continued professional practise this document will be reviewed and amended as appropriate. You will be notified of any changes and will be required to re-sign this document.