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Bomb Threat Policy & Procedure

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1. Bomb Threat Policy

1.1 Policy Statement

- 1.1.1 This policy is to be followed in the event of a bomb threat. The building should be evacuated immediately (if the bomb is located within the building) and not returned to until the relevant authorities have advised it is safe to do so.
- 1.1.2 We will keep staff informed of any changes that are made to our procedures and risk assessment. We will also ensure that all visitors to our premises are briefed in the evacuation procedures and not left alone unless they are aware of, and are familiar with, all available escape routes.

1.2 Terms and Definitions

- 1.2.1 The below table sets out a number of terms and definitions used within this document:

Term	Definition

1.3 Data Protection

- 1.3.1 Five Rivers supports the objectives of the Data Protection Act 1998 and other legislation relating to Data Processing, including the Human Rights Act 1998, Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Five Rivers Child Care has a statutory obligation to process personal data in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act, 1998¹.
- 1.3.2 Every member of Five Rivers Child Care has an obligation to ensure that the information they process (use) is collected, maintained and disclosed in accordance with the 8 principles of the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Five Rivers Data Protection Policy.

1.4 Disclosure of Information

- 1.4.1 Any use or disclosure of information held within Five Rivers Child Care, without there being a legitimate purpose or legal basis, will be classed as unauthorised and is a criminal offence under Section 55 of the Act Right of Access (Subject Access Requests).

2. Bomb Threat Procedure

2.1 Employees' Duties

- 2.1.1 All staff have a duty to take reasonable steps to ensure that they do not place themselves or others at risk or harm. They are also expected to co-operate fully in complying with any procedures that may be introduced as a measure to protect the safety and well-being of staff and visitors.
- 2.1.2 Fire/evacuation marshals are responsible for ensuring all persons have evacuated the building and a register is available for the emergency services.
- 2.1.3 All new members of staff and temporary employees will be provided with induction training on all available escape routes and on how to raise the alarm.
- 2.1.4 Names and locations of marshals will be posted on notice boards. Training will be provided as necessary to staff who have been given extra responsibilities, such as fire/evacuation marshals.

2.2 Dealing with Suspect Packages

- 2.2.1 A suspect package can be left anywhere by anyone and can have any appearance. It should not be handled, moved or tampered with in any way. If in any doubt about a package, leave it alone and report it immediately to the person in charge.
- 2.2.2 Possible indications of a suspect package may include:
- Protruding wires
 - Noise or smoke from the package
 - Grease marks on the wrapping
 - A letter that is unusually thick (over 5mm), excessively heavy, lop-sided or stiffened
 - An inner envelope which is tightly taped or bound.
- 2.2.3 If a suspect package is found, the area around it must be kept clear of people until the package has been made safe by the relevant authorities.

2.3 Bomb threat checklist

2.3.1 The checklist below has been designed to help staff deal with a telephone bomb threat and to record vital information for the emergency services. This form should be completed once the caller has hung up.

2.3.2 Immediately after the call:

- Phone 999 to report it to the police.
- Report it to the Headteacher; if the caller informed you that the bomb is in your building the Headteacher can instigate the evacuation procedure.
- Do not activate any alarms as this may trigger the device.

Appendix - BOMB THREAT CHECKLIST

THIS FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED ONCE THE CALLER HAS HUNG UP

Date and time of call:

Duration of call:

Name of person taking the call:

Location of bomb:

About the caller:

Sex:

Nationality/Regional accent:

Estimated age:

Tone of voice, i.e. scared, excited, upset, aggressive, calm:

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Background noises, i.e. cars, people, music, machinery

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Remarks or code words used:

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Other relevant information, including name and contact details if given:

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Signature of call taker:

Print name:

Time and date: