

## Early Learning and Childcare Facility Inspection Report

Type of Inspection:  
Monitoring Inspection

Pursuant to section 21 of the *Early Childhood Services Act*, operators of licensed early learning and childcare facilities must post their most recent inspection report in a clearly visible and prominent place in the facility.

Name of operator The Spotted Toad Day Care Inc.	Licence Number 360022	Inspection Date October 27, 2022	
Facility Name The Spotted Toad Day Care		Telephone Number (506) 536-1498	
Address 19 Charlotte Street Sackville NB E4L 3T2			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Erika Hickey		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
39(2) A licensed facility shall have a separate locked storage space that is inaccessible to the children for each of the following: (a) toxic products, chemical products and cleaning supplies;	39(2)(a)	Oct 27, 2022	Oct 27, 2022
Comments: A can of wall paint was observed in one of the area accessible to the children. A laundry detergent bottle was also found in this area. All chemical products and cleaning products must be locked and inaccessible to children. The products were removed and are now placed with the other locked products. Deficiency is now compliant			

<p><b>General Comments</b></p> <p>The Quality Assurance Monitor is on site for a monitoring inspection. During the inspection, the Quality Assurance Monitor was able to verify a selection of staff member records. All staff records that have been verified confirm that the staff members have appropriate qualification and training as well as the appropriate verifications.</p> <p>The Quality Assurance Monitor was also able to validate that the facility currently meets the requirement for 50% of educators working with children 0-5 to have an Early Childhood Education or recognized certification or diploma.</p> <p>The child-to staff ratio was respected at all times during the inspection and appropriate supervision were observed as all educators were placing themselves in order to have a view of their whole group.</p> <p>During the outdoor play time the Quality Assurance Monitor observed an educator play tag with the children. The educator was engaged with her group and was engaging in conversations with the children by getting them involved in decision and rulemaking for the game. The Quality Assurance Monitor observed that there were a lot of toys on the ground where they were playing tag and recommended that they remove some of the objects in order to reduce the risks of tripping and falling. The educator immediately engaged the children into helping pick up the obstacles and quickly resumed the game. The Quality Assurance Monitor also observed that a rope was hanging from the building to the tree and a child was trying to put the rope around their neck. A two-year-old child saw this and attempted at mimicking the other child. The Quality Assurance Monitor raised concerns to the educator about ropes hanging in the play area. The educator immediately engaged her kids into detaching the ropes collaboratively and explaining the safety reasons for removing the rope.</p>
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General Comments

While observing the children during their outdoor play time, the Quality Assurance Monitor also noticed that some children were doing some gymnastics and rolling onto their head back onto their back. The Quality Assurance Monitor asked the educator that was near the children if they have gymnastic mats that the children would have access to while doing these sorts of gymnastic movements. The educator informed the educator that they have the puzzle mats but not thick mats made specifically as a protective landing surface. The Quality Assurance Monitor shared her concern of the risk involved with a child who could fall the wrong way on their neck on the wood surface. The Quality Assurance Monitor has shared the observation of the children's interest and the safety concerns when done without the proper equipment.

During the inspection, a child had hurt their head. The educator comforted the child and gave the child an ice pack. The Quality Assurance Monitor asked the educator if they would document the injury and notify the parents. The educator stated that if she has time to do one, she will. The Quality Assurance Monitor strongly recommends that injury especially to the head be documented and signed by the parents to notify them as concussion symptoms can often appear several hours after the injury and it is always good for parents to be aware in case a symptom appear once they are home. The Quality Assurance Monitor has also recommended to bring a few incident reporting sheets in their clipboard when they are outdoor, so they have access to them at any time.

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Erika Hickey

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Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

October 27, 2022

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Date

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Morgan Brine

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Signature of Operator/Designate

October 27, 2022

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