



Breakaway

Security of the home policy

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Policy Summary:

Regulations 5, 7 of The Children's Homes Regulations 2015 & Quality Standards

The security of the home is essential to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the children.

- **External Doors:** All external doors are locked but will automatically release if the fire alarm is triggered.
- **Garden Access:** The lounge door to the garden may remain open only when staff are present with the children. The garden is fully enclosed, and the gate is secured with a keypad lock accessible only to staff. If a child learns the code, Facilities must be contacted immediately to change it.
- **Front Door:** May be left open during the day only when no children are present. In such cases, the main office door must remain closed to protect confidential information.
- **Restricted Areas:** Doors to the office, laundry, and art & craft cupboard remain locked at all times and are only accessible by staff carrying keys.
- **Evening Security:** All windows must be closed and locked, and all external doors secured by the evening shift at dusk.
- **Night Shift Checks:** Night staff must complete a full security check during handover to ensure the building is secure.

These measures are in place to maintain a safe and protected environment for all children and staff.

Note: The CCTV at bungalow number 1 (Slough urgent care centre) is operational.