



Breakaway

Security of the home policy

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



A hands-on approach to help children in Slough be
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Security of the home is paramount to ensure the safety of the children.

Breakaway's external doors are locked to ensure the safety of the children but will release if the fire alarm sounds. The lounge door, leading to the garden can remain open providing staff are with the children at all times.

The garden is fully fenced and the gate at the bottom of the garden has a key pad lock which can only be opened by Breakaway staff members who are aware of the code.

If it becomes known that a child knows the key pad code then a job must be put out to Facilities desk immediately to change the code.

The front door is sometimes left open during the day when there are no children in the building and in this case the main office door must be closed so any visitors to the building would not just be able to walk in and go in to the office where there could be confidential information visible.

Doors to the office, laundry and art & craft cupboard are locked and accessible by staff who carry a key on their person for the safety of the children/young people so access is only via a member of staff.

At night, all windows are closed and locked and all other external doors must be locked by the evening shift once it is dusk.

Night staff will check that the building is secure on their arrival during the handover walk around.

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