



**YMCA - YWCA of
Guelph**

Insect Repellent Policy Child Care

PURPOSE: To ensure the ongoing health and well being of children in Child Care and in order to assist in the protection of children from mosquito bites.

GUIDELINES:

- Children will be encouraged to wear hats outdoors.
- A light, long-sleeved shirt, socks and shoes are highly recommended for added protection; this could be stored in the child's cubby.
- Insect repellent is not required. Parents who choose to provide insect repellent must sign a consent form.

INSECT REPELLENT:

- Parents are responsible for supplying insect repellent for their child.
- Public Health recommends a suggested Deet percentage of no more than 5-10% on children 6 months –12 years. We also recommend an unscented insect repellent for environmental sensitivities.
- Insect repellent will be labelled with child's name and stored safely out of the reach of children.
- A consent form signed by the parent will be required prior to application by the staff.

PLEASE NOTE: Without signed consent, child care staff will be unable to apply insect repellent to any child. A change of insect repellent will require a new signed consent form.

CONSENT FOR THE APPLICATION OF INSECT REPELLENT

Centre Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Type of insect repellent: _____ **EXP DATE:** _____

Details for application: _____

Parent Signature: _____