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| 12 January 2021  **Work Health and Safety**  During November and December 2020, WorkSafe ACT visited nine Education and Care services as part of their ongoing commitment to improve work health and safety in the ACT. During this period WorkSafe issued 32 improvement notices for work health and safety breaches.  Some of these issues, included firefighting equipment not being inspected, electrical equipment which had not been regularly tested and tagged, no safe system of work for staff immunisation (for vaccine preventable diseases), and no dangerous substances register.  This is a timely reminder for Providers and Services to take the time to check their work health and safety practices, including but not limited to firefighting equipment, electrical test and tag, first aid kits, play equipment and policies and procedures to ensure everything is in order, and make any improvements required.  Services and Providers should also familiarise themselves with the [notification requirements](https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/health-and-safety-portal/notify-worksafe) for serious incidents under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*. In some circumstances Providers will need to notify both Children’s Education and Care Assurance (CECA) and WorkSafe ACT when a serious incident involves a child.  WorkSafe ACT’s proactive campaign to audit Education and Care services will continue during 2021.  For enquires in relation to this notification please email [CECA@ACT.gov.au](mailto:CECA@ACT.gov.au). We will respond to your questions as soon as we can and update our frequently asked questions on our [webpage](https://www.education.act.gov.au/early-childhood/information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-for-early-childhood).  For enquires in relation to this notification please call CECA on (02) 6207 1114 or email [CECA@ACT.gov.au](mailto:CECA@ACT.gov.au).  This email has been authorised by the ACT Regulatory Authority (CECA). CECA are responsible for administering the National Quality Framework within the ACT. | | |

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