

0.1 Health and safety procedures

01.17 Jewellery and Hair Accessories

Our Approach

At Peekaboo Childcare, we want children to play, move, explore and learn safely. Some jewellery and hair accessories can cause accidents, choking risks or injuries, so we follow clear safety guidance.

The EYFS requires us to keep children safe by preventing avoidable hazards. This policy explains how we do that.

✨ Why We Limit Jewellery

Jewellery can be a safety risk because it can:

- get caught on play equipment
- scratch other children
- break and create choking hazards
- be pulled by another child
- cause injury during physical play

To prevent accidents, we only allow items that are safe, secure and simple.

👤 Jewellery for Children

Children may wear:

- small, smooth stud earrings only

Children may not wear:

- hoop earrings or dangly earrings
- necklaces (risk of strangulation)
- bracelets that could get caught or break into small pieces
- rings or jewellery with sharp edges

- hair beads (choking risk)
- amber teething necklaces or bracelets (high choking/strangulation risk)

If a child arrives wearing unsafe jewellery, staff will remove it and hand it to the parent at pick-up.

Hair Accessories

Hair accessories must be:

- Safe
- Secure
- not too small (choking risk)
- not sharp

We also ensure that:

- loose or detachable hair beads are removed
- hair accessories are taken out before sleep or rest times to prevent choking or entanglement
- any item that staff feel could become a hazard will be taken off and given to parents

Staff and Visitor Jewellery

For safety, staff, students and volunteers do not wear:

- long necklaces
- hoop or dangling earrings
- large rings or rings with sharp edges
- fashion belts with big buckles
- bracelets with small detachable parts
- high heels (risk when carrying or supervising children)

This ensures the safest environment possible for little ones who climb, reach, and explore around adults.

Culture, Religion & Safety

We understand that some jewellery may be worn for cultural or religious reasons. However, children's safety must always come first. If an item poses a risk, we will discuss alternative safe options with parents.

EYFS & Legal Links

This procedure supports:

- EYFS maintaining a safe environment
- Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
- General EYFS safeguarding and welfare requirements