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I01 Notification of Incident

Thank you for submitting your notification. Below is a copy of the information provided in your notification. If there are any issues, please contact your [Regulatory Authority](#) for assistance.

Notification of Incident

Provider

Provider Name	University of Canberra
Provider Number	PR-00005879
Provider Approval Status	Approved

Service

Service Legal Entity Name	
Service Trading Name	Wiradjuri Preschool Child Care Centre
Service Approval Number	SE-00009857
Service Approval Status	Approved

Incident Details

Incident Type	Reg 175-Any circumstance arising at the service that poses a risk to the health, safety or wellbeing of a child or children attending the service
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Please supply the following information:

- Detailed description of the incident including nature of risk, cause etc
- Detailed description of impact on the operation of the service
- Involvement of emergency services or other authorities (if relevant)
- Action taken by Approved Provider to manage the risk
- Any other relevant information

A child reported that they had seen another child ingest a single fruit off what is suspected to be one of several white cedar (*Melia azedarach*) trees that grows in a fenced off yard adjacent to the playground area. Upon questioning the child who was suspected of having eaten the fruit, he also reported that he had, indeed, ingested a single fruit off the tree.

I immediately contacted his parents informing them that their child had told me that he'd eaten a fruit of the tree, and that I needed them to come and collect the child, and that they might wish to take him to their GP. The child's parent informed me that they would take him to the emergency department. I then made contact with the Poisons Information Hotline and sought information on the symptoms and severity of the event, as best I could, to provide further information to the parents. I collected one of the fruits and a sampling of the foliage of the tree so that any medical professional providing assistance could assess the plant's toxicity and identify the plant with some greater level of certainty.

The child remained with one of our staff to ensure he was observed at all times while awaiting collection by his parents.

Upon opening the service on the 24/02/2021, I contacted the child's mother and enquired as to the child's condition. She did not report any further symptoms presented, however indicated that the child had been held at the hospital over night and was continuing to be observed in case of a delayed reaction.

The trees in question has been in situ since before the playground was expanded, and the campus on which we are situated is responsible for the maintenance and removal of problem trees. The program at our service has always included education and awareness of plant safety and we have endeavoured to ensure that families are aware of our role in ensuring that any plants that children come into contact with at the service are handled responsibly. The tree is located in a fenced off area, adjacent to the playground that the children have access to, and unfortunately, in this instance the tree has grown over the fence line, making the access to the fruit far more prominent.

We have been in contact with the campus estate manager and they are sending a horticulturalist to remove the white cedar trees, and they have suggested that the tree that is currently posing the greatest risk is a sapling that has grown, unknown to estate management, as it has not been tagged and identified on their system. The horticulturalist has also been tasked with undertaking a broad-focus assessment of the plants currently growing in our outdoor environment to ensure that any other plants that pose a danger to children's welfare are removed.

Incident date

23/02/2021

Risk due to

Localised Issue

Please upload any relevant documentation

Campus Estate Management
- Tree Removal.pdf

Email from Campus Estate Management seeking the removal of problem trees

Contact Details

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