

CHAPTER THREE: BUILDING, EQUIPMENT AND PLAYGROUND

Building, Equipment and Playground	Play Materials
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Policy

North Hastings children's Services shall ensure that the play equipment and furnishings are adequate to serve the licensed capacity of the children enrolled.

Procedures

North Hastings Children's Services shall ensure the following steps are followed:

1. There are enough play materials to serve the licensed capacity.
2. The play materials are available and accessible to children throughout the day (e.g., stored on shelves that children can reach).
3. There are alternate play materials available on site for rotation.
4. The play materials are of a nature that they: provide for choice; support exploration, play and inquiry; and align with the program statement (e.g., different options are available, open-ended toys are present, children are observed using toys from different areas, such as cars with blocks).
5. There is evidence of adaptations to toys/equipment/materials to meet each child's developmental needs (e.g., left handed scissors, chubby markers, etc.).
6. The designate or staff explain how the play materials are adequate to serve the licensed capacity.
7. The designate or staff explain how the play materials are rotated to meet the children's needs and interests.
8. The designate or staff describe how the nature of the play materials support the implementation of the program statement.

See Chapter 6 for more information on the Program Statement Implementation.