

## Ainslie Village- Children on Site Policy

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### 1.

1.1. This policy provides guidelines regarding the safety of children on the Ainslie Village site.

### 2. BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

- 2.1. Ainslie Village is a caring, non-violent and tolerant community that employs principles to maintain harmony among residents and with those who support them.
- 2.2. Argyle Housing's Ainslie Village program promotes and respects the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all persons with a disability and provides a service to tenants in line with the principles of the NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014, Disability ACT and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).
- 2.3. Argyle Housing's Ainslie Village program is compliant with the ACT Human Rights Act.
- 2.4. Argyle Housing's Ainslie Village program supports and encourages a person-centered and culturally sensitive approach to service delivery.
- 2.5. Argyle Housing's Ainslie Village program promotes and respects the rights and freedoms of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

### 3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 Refer Argyle Housing Policy: Policy Definitions

### 4. POLICY DETAIL

- 4.1. Visitors to Ainslie Village may be exposed to a range of social, mental health and drug issues that could place children at risk.
- 4.2. Children are permitted to visit residents, who are their parent or legal guardian, on-site during the hours of 8am to 5pm. Extended visits are not permitted and Ainslie Village cannot cater for children remaining on-site outside visiting hours.
- 4.3. Residents who wish to have a child visit must inform the Tenancy Manager and register the visit of the child at reception.
- 4.4. Children on site must be under the direct supervision of their parent or legal guardian at all times. Children are not permitted to be left alone, or to walk around the village unsupervised.
- 4.5. Failure to comply with this policy may result in a formal Notice to Remedy. Repeated instances may result in a notice of termination.



4.6. Argyle Housing staff are required by law to report all child protection concerns to the relevant authority in each State. Any child at Ainslie Village found to be unsupervised or present after hours will be reported to ACT Care and Protection.

## 5. RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- 5.1. Ainslie Village Procedure
- 5.2. Ainslie Village Rules
- 5.3. Policy Definitions
- 5.4. Property-specific Complaints Policies, Procedures and Tools.
- 5.5. National Community Housing Standards Reference - 1.2 Establishing and maintaining tenancies.

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