SAMPLE Safe Transport Checklist

This document is a guide only. It provides a sample of actions that may be included in a service's Safe Transport Checklist. Checklists should be service-specific, reflect the transport policies and procedures of the service and address individual circumstances and factors.

Before departing			
•	Ensure driver has a current and valid licence appropriate for the vehicle class and is in a fit state to drive.		
•	Ensure at least one educator/staff member transporting children has current first aid, anaphylaxis and emergency asthma management training certification.		
•	Ensure vehicle is registered and insured, in good working order and well-maintained.		
•	Ensure vehicle has properly fitted and adjusted age-appropriate restraints that meet requirements of the NSW Road Rules.		
•	Ensure vehicle contains:		
	o a fully stocked first aid kit including emergency asthma and anaphylaxis medications		
	a charged mobile phone and/or satellite phone		
	o medication, health plans and risk assessments for individual children		
	emergency contact details for children being transported		
	o contact details of the service including an emergency contact number		
	 emergency response information including Emergency and Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness policies and procedures 		
	Safe Transportation of Children Policy and Procedures		
	Transportation checklist		
	 high visibility vest 		
	o torch		
	o supply of drinking water		
	accurate current attendance records for each transport run.		
•	Ensure the service's strategies to minimise risk are in place as detailed in risk management plans and the <i>Safe Transportation of Children Policies and Procedures</i> are followed.		
Ensure written authorisation has been obtained for each child using the transport service.			

SAMPLE Safe Transport Checklist (continued)

Before departing			
When departing the service or collecting children from another location			
 Park on the same side of the road and as close as possible to the service or collection location. 			
 Conduct a head count and note child attendance against the transport attendance record noting date and time of check. Do this: 			
 prior to children leaving the service or collection location 			
when children embark the vehicle.			
 When collecting children from home ensure parent/carer or other authorised person signs the transport attendance record including date and time of collection. 			
 Follow service's procedures for addressing absences if a child is expected at collection and is not present. 			
In transit			
Ensure relevant policies, procedures and risk management plans are carried out as documented.			
 Ensure children remain secured in properly fitted and adjusted age and size appropriate child restraints at all times. 			
Actively supervise children at all times.			
After transportation			
Park on the same side of the road and as close as possible to the service or delivery location.			
 Conduct a head count and note children's attendance against the transport attendance record noting date and time of check. Do this: 			
when children disembark the vehicle			
when children enter the service.			
 Ensure all children are accounted for – cross check records of children entering and exiting the vehicle. 			
 Ensure an educator checks and verifies the transport attendance record against the service's attendance record. 			
 Carry out a final check to ensure no child remains in the vehicle and have a second staff member complete the vehicle check process. The check will include: 			
 visual inspection of all areas of the vehicle: 			
 all seats including the driver's seat 			
- under seats			
- storage areas			
- under the vehicle			
 calling out the names of the children who attended the transport run – the driver will ensure the vehicle engine is turned off and there are no auditory distractions that may interfere with hearing a child. 			
 Park the vehicle in the designated parking area. Ensure windows and doors are locked so children cannot enter. Store keys in the office out of reach of children. 			

