



Peanut Free/Tree Nut Free Facility Policy

At New Discoveries Christian Childcare and Development, the safety and well-being of all our children is our top priority. We are committed to providing a safe environment for children with food allergies, especially those allergic to peanuts. To ensure the safety of all children in our care, we have implemented a strict peanut-free facility policy. Please adhere to the following guidelines:

1. No Peanuts Allowed: • Please do not send or bring any food items containing peanuts or peanut products with you or your child to the childcare areas. This includes peanut butter sandwiches, snacks, and any other peanut-containing products. If you or your children have recently handled products containing peanuts, please thoroughly wash your hands twice before entering the childcare areas.
2. Reading Labels: • Caregivers and staff members will diligently read ingredient labels of all food items brought into the center. If a product contains peanuts or may have come into contact with peanuts, it will not be allowed in childcare areas.
3. Communication: • Please inform us if your child has a peanut allergy or any other food allergies. It is essential that we are aware of any allergies to provide proper care and attention to your child.
4. Special Events and Celebrations: • For birthdays and other special events, please coordinate with the childcare center staff regarding suitable treats for the entire class.
5. Education: • We will educate children about the importance of not sharing food and being mindful of their peers' allergies. Age-appropriate discussions and activities will be conducted to promote understanding and empathy.
6. Emergency Action Plan: • In the event of an allergic reaction, we have an emergency action plan in place. Please provide us with up-to-date emergency contact information and any necessary medication, such as an epinephrine auto-injector prescribed by your child's healthcare provider. All staff coming into classrooms of children with allergies will be made aware of those allergies, as well as the emergency protocols and signs and symptoms to look for in the case of an allergic reaction.
7. Cleaning and Sanitizing: • We maintain rigorous cleaning and sanitizing practices to minimize the risk of allergen exposure. Tables, toys, and other surfaces are cleaned regularly to ensure a safe environment for all children.

By adhering to this peanut-free facility policy, we can create a secure and inclusive environment for all children attending New Discoveries. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in maintaining the health and safety of our little ones. Thank you for your cooperation.

* If any child is prescribed a special milk such as almond milk or supplement of any kind containing tree nuts a doctor's note will need to be provided and staff members will make sure to follow safety protocols ensuring there is no contact with sensitive individuals.

Staff should not be eating any food in classroom areas that children play in. This reduces the risk of a child accidentally coming in contact with an allergen of any kind. Staff are welcome to sit with the children during mealtimes and eat food provided by the center in the eating areas. If you have any questions please contact management.

All staff members please sign below indicating that you have read and understand this peanut free facility policy and agree to adhere to these guidelines.

Name _____ Date _____