



## Leaving a Child unaccompanied during a therapy session - Kids Spot Policy

Parental/Guardian attendance in sessions is recommended as this increases outcomes by ensuring consistency in home practice.

Kids Spot recognises that on occasion a Parent/Guardian may be required to leave the Premises while their Child/the Patient is receiving therapy. By leaving the Premises the Parent/Guardian is agreeing to leave their Child/the Patient under Kids Spot supervision and care of the Clinic.

### **PROCEDURE**

On each occasion, the Parent/Guardian must request permission to leave the Premises from the Practitioner

If the Practitioner approves the request, the Parent/Guardian must acknowledge that they accept our policy as part of their Service Agreement.

Kids Spot reserves the right to request for the Parent/Guardian to declare their reasoning for leaving the Premises and their Child/the Patient in the care of the Clinic. The Clinic reserves the right to refuse this request at any time.

Kids Spot reserves the right to request any evidence if there is any suspicion a Parent/Guardian has left the Premises and their Child/the Patient in the care of the Clinic for an illegitimate reason.

We understand that each child has differing levels of independence and autonomy and that some Parents/Guardians are comfortable with leaving their child alone during a therapy session.

### **A Parent/Guardian may request to leave the premises:**

- for part of the session;
- for the entire duration of the session.



- The reasons that a Parent may request to leave the Premises may include:
  - in the event of an emergency;
  - to attend a private appointment such as a medical or specialist appointment;
  - to attend to caring responsibilities such as a child, parent or other family member;
  - to attend to a work commitment such as a meeting or phone call;
  - to run an errand locally or close by to the Premises;
  - any other satisfactory reason for leaving the Premises.

Kids Spot recommends that children are taken to the toilet before each session by a Parent / Guardian as part of the routine of attending an appointment. If a child cannot toilet independently then the Parents/Guardians are required to remain in the Clinic whilst the appointment takes place.

In the event that the Parent/Guardian has not returned to the premises by the conclusion of the session, the Clinic reserves the right to make every reasonable attempt to contact the Parent/Guardian immediately. If the Parent/Guardian cannot be contacted, the Clinic will attempt to contact the Child/Patient's emergency contact. In the event that the emergency contact cannot be reached, the Clinic reserves the right to contact the Police or relevant authorities. The Child/Patient will remain under the supervision and care of the Clinic until an approved Parent/Guardian or in extreme cases/the worst case scenario, the police have arrived to collect the Child/Patient.

**We will not:**

- Allow a client to leave until a Parent/Guardian picks them up. (The therapy session will be extended and additional charges will be levied).
- Allow a Parent/Guardian to leave the child without the Practitioner's consent.
- Let a child be left alone without checking that their emergency contact details are up to date.
- Escort a Client to the restroom (Note: our restrooms are common restrooms for building occupants and may be frequented by peoples unknown to Kids Spot).

If an alternate adult is picking up the Child/Patient, Kids Spot will request proof of identity before relinquishing the care of the Child/Patient.