

# Full text Draft Childminding Regulation 15

## Part IV

### **The Childminding Service**

#### ***Regulation 15 - Emergency cover***

- (1) A registered provider of a childminding service shall ensure that a person familiar with the operation of the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the childminder in the event of an emergency.
- (2) A registered provider of a childminding service must submit to the Agency a vetting disclosure, as set out in Regulation 5, for any person providing emergency cover under paragraph (1).

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This Regulation sets out that each childminder must have a person available to attend the service in the event of an emergency. The circumstances where emergency cover is required are expected to be rare and would include, for example, a medical emergency where a child or childminder was ill or injured and needed medical attention. The person providing emergency cover is not an assistant and cannot provide holiday cover, they can only be called in for unanticipated emergencies where they would be available to look after the children temporarily and contact parents for immediate collection.

Any person providing emergency cover for a childminding service will require vetting and this will need to be submitted to Tusla at registration. A childminder must have at least one person available to provide emergency cover but can have more than one, in practice it is common for childminders to have multiple people as emergency cover. A childminder may choose to have a roster of emergency cover to cover the times that the service is operating. Tusla must be provided with a vetting disclosure for any person who is being relied upon by the childminder to provide Emergency Cover.