

Policy: Compensation for Carers

Policy Purpose

Describe the circumstances under which a Carer can apply to Territory Families for compensation.

Policy Statement

Territory Families staff must inform the Carer of any general or specific behavioural tendencies of the child in care that may result in property loss, damage or personal injury so that the Carer can take appropriate precautions.

Carers can apply to Territory Families for financial compensation if:

- a child in their care deliberately destroys their possessions or intentionally causes the Carer a physical injury; or
- a person in their care with a disability, damages the Carer's property or injures the Carer through an involuntary action associated with the disability.

Applications can only be made after the Carer has exhausted all other means of obtaining compensation, including household insurance policies.

Carers must provide a statutory declaration as evidence that the compensation claim is true and correct and that they have not already received, and they are not eligible for, compensation for the events through any other source.

Accidental damage or injury is excluded. Carers are expected to maintain standard domestic building and contents insurance at all times to cover accidental damage or injury and public liability.

Legislative Basis

[Care and Protection of Children Act 2007](#)

Practice Standards

[Standards of Professional Practice](#) 2, 6

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