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Working alone as a childminder I am vulnerable to allegations of abuse being made against me. I will therefore take the following precautions to protect myself:-

Ensure that all members of my household aged 16 and over have been CRB checked.

Ensure all visitors sign a visitor book and do not have unsupervised access to the children at any time.

Document every accident and incident that occurs while the children are in my care and informing the parents and ask them to sign my records.

Noting any noticeable marks on the children when they arrive and asking the parents to inform me of any accidents that have happened whilst outside of my care.

Ensuring the children are within sight and/or hearing at all times.

Keeping accurate records on each child.

Mobile phone and cameras will never be used in compromising situations, which could be misinterpreted and lead to potential allegations

If an allegation was made against me or any other member of my household I would take the following action:-

Contact the following for advice and support:

The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

01865 815956/323457

Ofsted 0300 123 1231

Trio Childcare Connections 01793 849621

PACEY/MortonMichel Legal Advice Line

I would notify Ofsted of the action taken in respect of the allegation as soon as possible but at the latest within 14 days of the allegation being made.

Write a detailed record of all related incidents including what was said and by whom, with times and dates.

Ask any witnesses (if there were any) to also write a statement detailing the incident they witnessed and giving their contact details in case it needs to be followed up by the authorities.

My childminding services would be suspended whilst the allegation of abuse was investigated.