



Early Childhood Education Directorate Convictions and Significant Enforcement Actions

Educator	Ms Sonia Daoud
Service Name	Bankstown Family Day Care
Type of Service	Family day care service
Action Taken	Prosecution action against Ms Daoud for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• two offences of failing to ensure adequate supervision of children - section 165(3) of the <i>Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)</i>; and• one offence of failing to ensure that every reasonable precaution was taken to protect children from harm and from any hazard likely to cause injury – section 167(3) of the <i>Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)</i>.
Date of conviction	7 February 2020
Sentence	Convicted at Bankstown Local Court and fined a total of \$750

Proven offence:

Ms Sonia Daoud was an educator registered with Bankstown Family Day Care. On 23 March 2018, at about 9:00am, three children (one aged 22 months, one aged 23 months, and one aged 3 years) were in the care of Ms Daoud at her family day care residence. At around 9:05am, Ms Daoud left her residence to collect a fourth child.

The three children who were already at the residence of Ms Daoud were left in the care of Ms Daoud's daughter, who was not a family day care educator assistant as defined in the National Law. Ms Daoud's daughter went to the bathroom and, when she returned, she noticed that the child aged 22 months was missing and that the front door was open.

At around 9:30am, the child was located by two women at a set of traffic lights near an intersection.

Ms Daoud, in her capacity as a family day care educator:

- failed to adequately supervise the children in her care by leaving them at the family day care residence with a person who was not a family day care educator assistant; and
- failed to ensure that she took every reasonable precaution to protect a child from harm and from hazard likely to cause injury in that the 22 month old child was left in an environment where he was not adequately supervised, was able to exit the residence undetected and was able to walk alone to the intersection of a major road.