

GEARS Kids Center Tick Removal Policy

Dear Families,

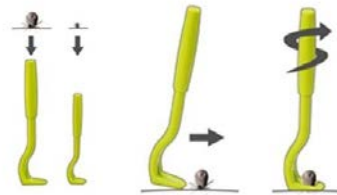
GEARS Kids Center's policy was that we do not remove ticks but rather call the family immediately and inform them. There are many different ways to remove a tick, or at least many suggested ways. The wrong way can lead to more harm than good. Many factors have led us to rethink our policy. We now have an option for parents, who wish for us to remove the tick.

GEARS Kids Center purchased 'Tick Twisters' which are used like tweezers to go snugly around the tick and twist from the skin. Each emergency bag/First Aid kit will have these in them. Here is the information from the manufacture -

The Safest Way To Remove Ticks

Each blister pack contains 2 Tick Twister hooks, a large one for removing engorged ticks and a small one for removing very small ticks such as deer ticks.

**Tick
Twister**



- It removes the tick without squeezing it, reducing the risk of infection
- It doesn't leave the mouthparts of the tick in the skin
- Remove ticks in a few seconds without pain
- It removes small and large ticks

_____ By initialing, I give my permission for GEARS Kids Center Staff to remove a tick from my child,
_____, with the Tick Twister. (Staff will try to save the tick to help in
(Child's Name)
identifying what diseases it may be carrying.)

_____ By initialing, I DO NOT authorize GEARS Kids Center to remove a tick from my child,
_____. I understand I will be notified if/when a tick is on my child and
(Child's Name)
I will be required to come and remove the tick within 60 minutes.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director Signature: _____