

WATER SAFETY

The service acknowledges the risks posed by bodies of water (any area where there is at least 5cm of water deep) and takes the safety of children and educators involved in water-based activities and around bodies of water seriously. The service will ensure that every precaution is taken so that children are able to enjoy water-based activities safely. Risk assessments will be carried out for programmed water-based activities and the outcomes will underpin the educator to child ratio for such activities.

Procedure:

-The service shall ensure the safety of children around bodies of water by:

- Undertaking a risk assessment that will determine the required educator to child ratio for the proposed activity.
- Ensuring there are educators present that have a current, approved first aid training qualification including CPR.
- Demonstrating a preference for venues that provide additional supervision in the form of lifeguards.
- Ensuring educators are placed in positions that allow them to directly and actively supervise any child accessing a body of water.
- Avoiding any venue with a body of water where sufficient precautions cannot be taken to ensure the safety of children.
- At least one educator will supervise children from within the body of water.
- On swimming excursions, we will not accept bookings for children four years old or younger, unless they are accompanied by a family member/friend (not an employee of the service) who is willing and able to act as their caregiver for the duration of the excursion. The family member/ friend will be considered as a volunteer. (see access to service)

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD

QUALITY AREA 2: CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY		
2.1.2	Health practices and procedures	Effective illness and injury management and hygiene practices are promoted and implemented.
2.2	Safety	Each child is protected.
2.2.1	Supervision	At all times, reasonable precautions and adequate supervision ensure children are protected from harm and hazard.
2.2.2	Incident and emergency management	Plans to effectively manage incidents and emergencies are developed in consultation with relevant authorities, practised and implemented.

EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES NATIONAL REGULATIONS	
101	Conduct of risk assessment for excursions
115	Premises designed to facilitate supervision



122	Educators must be working directly with children to be included in ratios
168	Education and care service must have policies and procedures

Policy reviewed	Previous modifications	Next review date
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