



Water Safety Policy

References

Children (Education and Care Services National Law Application) Act 2010

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011

National Health and Medical Research Council - www.nhmrc.gov.au

NSW Department of Health - www.health.nsw.gov.au

Pool and Water Safety - www.kidsafe.com.au

Water use and restrictions see - www.sydneywater.com.au

This policy is adapted from the CCCNSW sample policies.

Introduction

The safety and supervision of children in and around water is of the highest priority. This relates to water play, excursions near water, hot water, drinking water and hygiene practices with water in the service environment. Children will be supervised at all times during water play experiences.

Goals

The pre-school will prevent child accidents relating to water hazards through supervision and their safety promoted through the availability of clean, hygienic water play and drinking.

Strategies

The Nominated Supervisor will:

- Ensure work, health and safety practices incorporate approaches to safe storage of water and play.

Educators and staff will:

- Ensure water troughs or containers for water play are filled to a safe level. These activities will be supervised at all times and containers or troughs will be emptied onto garden areas after use.
- Children will be discouraged from drinking from these water activities.
- Teach children about staying safe in and around water.
- Empty buckets used for cleaning immediately after use. No buckets are left in play areas or accessible to children.
- Provide clean drinking water at all times. Only the classroom taps or staff room is to be used when refilling drink bottles. At the end of each day, if the child has forgotten to take their drink bottle home, the water container will be emptied and cleaned in the dishwasher.



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Operational Safety

- Grey water systems or water tanks will be labeled with “do not drink” signage and the children will be supervised in this area to make sure they are not accessing this water for drinking. Educators will discuss with the children that this water is for the purpose of watering our garden first then for play and not for consumption.
- Hot water accessible to children will be maintained at the temperature of 43.5oC. Thermostatic valves to be tested and serviced annually by a plumber.
- A risk assessment will be conducted prior to any excursion taking place. Particular attention will be focused upon water safety where the excursion is near a body of water.
- Adults may carry and consume hot drinks only in a thermal cup or mug with a screw lid that prevents spilling.
- Water for pets at the setting must be changed regularly and only be accessible to children when adults are present.

Evaluation

Supervision and access to water within the service is managed effectively by staff to ensure children remain safe and healthy.

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