

WATER SAFETY Policies & Procedures

Links to Regulations: 99, 100-102, 136, 168 (2) (a) (iii) Links to quality areas, standards or elements: 1, 2.3, 3, 4.1, 7.1, 7.3

Rationale:

Our Centre recognises that water, whilst being a great resource for play and learning can pose a significant hazard to young children, as only a few centimetres of water can result in a child drowning.

Strategies, Practices and Procedures:

- The Centre staff will provide and supervise water play experiences and ensure the experiences are safe and hygienic for all children involved.
- Therefore, at the conclusion of outdoor play or activities involving water by either Childcare or Preschool children, *all* containers of water will be emptied and not left unsupervised.
- When cleaning toys, containers of water will not be left unattended or accessible to children.
- If excursions are planned involving water play or near water, the DECD *Excursion Risk Management Plan* will be used to strategically plan for safe experiences, and the adequate supervision ratios. A *Consent Form* will be used to notify parents and guardians and gain their consent for their child/ren to participate in the excursion.

Supporting Resources:

- DECD *Preschool Water Safety Procedure & Camps and Excursions for Schools and Preschools*
- Work Health & Safety: Risk Management Policy & Framework; Hazard Management Procedure; Injury Management
- BCCC *Sun Protection & Hot Weather Policy and Procedures*
- DECD *Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Environments Vision and Values*
- *South Australia Work Health and Safety Act 2012*
- Work Health & Safety: Risk Management Policy & Framework; Hazard Management Procedure; Injury Management, Induction Video <http://player.vimeo.com/video/60983250>

Sources:

- DECD Human Resources and Workforce Development, Work Health & Safety Unit: 8226 1440
- DECD Aboriginal, Student and Family Services: Sports, Swimming and Aquatic website
- DECD Early Childhood Development Strategy and Programs: DECDECSupport@sa.gov.au

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