

Ascot Park Kindergarten

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Preschool Water Safety Procedure

Procedure overview

The 'preschool water safety procedure' provides instructions in relation to managing water safety, including during water-based activities. Education and care services are required to have policies and procedures in place in relation to water safety to comply with the Education and Care Services National Regulations (R 168 (2) (a) (iii)).

Scope

This procedure applies to all staff in a Department for Education (the department) preschool including occasional care and rural care programs.

PROCEDURE DETAIL

Active Supervision of children is to be maintained at all times when water play activities are provided. Staff must remain close to the water play areas.

Any water vessel that can hold more than 5 cm of water is to be emptied immediately after use and stored away or inverted to prevent filling with water when not being used.

All areas of play area are to be designed to ensure adequate drainage of water to avoid pooling of water

Risk assessments are conducted for excursions where there are potential or known water hazards

Risk assessments are conducted for specific water play areas – rock pool and bridge area.

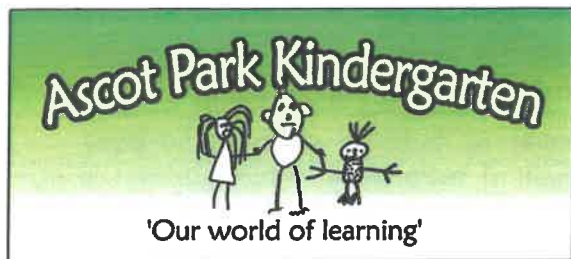
Effective barriers are in place to prevent children accessing water hazards in or around the site.

OBJECTIVES

Water play experiences are beneficial for children's sensory development and provide opportunities for children to develop an understanding of their environment. We provide water experiences for children to engage in active play that help them explore their world and provide multiple opportunities to engage in STEM learning.



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ROLES and RESPONSIBILITIES


Preschool directors/school principals

Complying with the requirements of this procedure
 Developing a local water safety procedure based on a completed risk assessment
 Accessing a copy of the risk assessment through the Incident and Response Management System (IRMS) (interfaces with the hazard and corrective action reporting function) for reference during the preschool's assessment and rating process.
 Complying with the department's 'preschool water safety procedure' and the local services' water safety policy
 Reporting identified hazards and notifying other people in the immediate vicinity that a hazard is present.

Educators

MONITOR AND REVIEW

This procedure will be monitored and reviewed by Director, Educator and Governing Council

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