

WATER SAFETY PROCEDURE

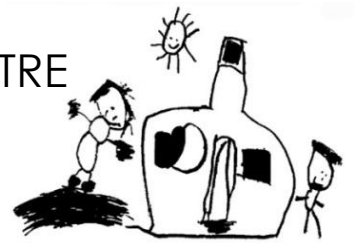
Links to the National Quality Standard

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NQS Children's Health and Safety, QA2 Safety, 2.2.1 Supervision

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Experiences with water are an integral part of our early childhood curriculum. Children need opportunities to develop their understanding of the natural environment. Water experiences may include but are not limited to, the use of sprinklers, running water from a hose and water in water play trough.

Educators Responsibilities:

- Children are **never to be left unsupervised** when having access to any water hazards
- Where a water trough is used for water play by children, the trough will be emptied immediately after use and stored so that it cannot collect water when not in use. Water trough **must not** be filled deeper than 10cm (4 inches)
- When children are taken on a beach excursion, educators are to conduct a risk assessment in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 100 and 101 of the *Education and Child Care Services National Regulations 2011*.
- Children will have safe independent access to clean, cool drinking water at all times.

Drowning and near drowning is an obvious hazard associated with water. Care and supervision applies to:

- Nappy storage buckets
- Any water containers
- Poor drainage that allows water to pool in an area

Sitting behind and to be read in conjunction with this policy is the DECD Preschool Water Safety Procedure.