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### Purpose

The safety and supervision of children in and around water is of the highest priority. Whilst water hazards at our service are kept to a minimum, we acknowledge that nappy buckets, water troughs, sinks and toilets can all be hazardous for children and diligent supervision is required.

### Scope

Approved Provider, Nominated supervisor, Early Childhood educators, casual staff and families

### RELATED GUIDELINES, STANDARDS, FRAMEWORKS

National Quality Standard, Quality Area 2: Children's Health and Safety – Standard 2.1 and Standard 2.2

### Definitions

Our service has a responsibility to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of each child at all times. Drowning is the leading cause of death for children aged 1-4 years in Australia. While most drowning occurs in backyard swimming pools, it is important to be aware that children can drown in as little as 6cm of water.

### Policy Content

- Ensure the service operates in line with the Education and Care Services National Law and National Regulations 2011.
- Ensure children are adequately supervised, are not subject to inappropriate discipline, and are protected from harms and hazards.
- Provide supervision, guidance and advice to ensure adherence to the policy at all times.
- Ensure risk assessments for excursions planned near water identify a higher staff to child ratio to ensure adequate supervision.
- Ensure First Aid and CPR qualifications and requirements are met at all times.
- Provide families with community messages regarding safe water practices.

### Links to Policy

Providing a Child safe environment policy  
Child Protection policy

### Links to Procedure

Water Safety Procedure

### Links to Forms

Excursion Benefit Risk Assessment Form

### References

Kidsafe NSW – [www.kidsafensw.org/water-safety](http://www.kidsafensw.org/water-safety) < Kids Alive – [www.kidsalive.com.au](http://www.kidsalive.com.au) < Kids Health – <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/water-safety.html>

### Responsibility

Nominated Supervisor

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### **Relevant Legislation**

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010: Section 167

Education and Care Services National Regulations: Regulation 168(2) (h)&(a)(iii)

### **Associated Records**

Nil