

20. Water Safety Policy

National Quality Standards (NQS)

Quality Area 2: Children’s Health and Safety	
2.2	Safety

Quality Area: Staffing arrangements	
4.1.1	Organisation of educators

Education and Care Services National Regulations	
101	Conduct of risk assessment for excursions
115	Premises designed to facilitate supervision
122	Educators must be working directly with children to be included in ratios
126	Centre based services-general educator qualifications
168	Education and care service must have policies and procedures

PURPOSE

To ensure the safety and supervision of children in and around water. This includes water play, excursions near water, hot water, drinking water and hygiene practices with water in the service environment.

SCOPE

This policy applies to children, families, educators, management and visitors of the Service

IMPLEMENTATION

The safety and supervision of children is paramount when in or around water. This relates to water play, excursions near water, and hot water, drinking water and hygiene practices with water in the Service environment. Children will always be supervised during water play experiences and risk assessments will be conducted for all water-based play experiences to ensure the health and wellbeing for all children.

SOURCE

- Australian Children’s Education & Care Quality Authority. (2014). Guide to the Education and Care Services National Law and the Education and Care Services National Regulations 2015,
- Revised National Quality Standard - 2018
- National Health and Medical Research Council – www.nhmrc.gov.au
- NSW Department of Health – www.health.nsw.gov.au

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