



Water Safety

Policy Statement

NBCA understands the importance of safety and supervision when in or around water. NBCA reflects on its water use and engages in sustainable practices where possible.

Implementation

- Children's play areas will be checked in the morning and regularly throughout the day to ensure that there are no containers or pools of water accessible to children that are unsupervised.
- Check of all water related items will be included in the daily morning checklist.
- The service will ensure temperature controls, water equipment and water resources are professionally maintained.
- All water play activities are adequately supervised by an educator at all times, and be guided by a risk assessment.
- No child will be left unattended when in proximity to water.
- Buckets of water or soaking toys or clothing must be inaccessible to children.
- Teachers and Educators will teach children about staying safe in and around water during water experiences and play.
- Empty/drain any water onto gardens or suitable area after use, where possible.
- Staff and children will be mindful of their use of water in relation to sustainable practices.
- Empty cleaning/mop buckets immediately after use.
- Any animals kept at the service will have a constant supply of drinking water, the drinking water will be kept inaccessible to children.
- Active supervision will take place when children are playing in the rain or after a rain event has taken place.

Policies:

- Animals at the Service
- Child Protection
- Duty of Care
- Equipment, Buildings and Grounds
- Nutrition
- Supervision
- Sustainability and Environmental Awareness
- Workplace Health and Safety



Policy Links

NQS: 1.1, 2.1, 2.2 and 7.1

Regulations: 73, and 103

Sources:

- Guild Insurance
- National Quality Framework
- NBCA Service Philosophy
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011
- Education and Care Services National Law (2011) - Section 51(1)(a) Conditions on service approval (safety, health and wellbeing of children)

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