

## **WATER SAFETY POLICY**

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Children need opportunities to develop their understanding of the natural environment. Experiences with water encourage active exploration and discovery of the environment and of water conservation. Educating children about the use of water and safety when playing in, with or near water is of great importance.

All water activities will be supervised appropriately, including the digging patch when water is used, the water troughs and water in the sandpits.

Appropriate supervision is when an educator is directly engaged with the activity at all times.

Where a water vessel is used for water play by children, the vessel must be emptied immediately after use and stored in a manner that prevents the vessel filling with water when not in use.

When children are taken on an excursion to swim or where there is a significant water hazard, educators are to conduct a risk assessment.

### **Site Inspections**

Sites must undertake safety inspections at least annually to ensure sites are free from water hazards. The [safety inspection checklist \(DOC, 107.5 KB\)](#) has been developed as a guide. Site-specific requirements should be added to the checklist.

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