Early Intervention and Preschool Procedure

Water Safety

(Including water-based activities)



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| **Current** | September, 2017 |
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| **Regulation(s)** | R. 101 |
| **National Quality Standard(s)** | Standard 2.2: Safety-  Each child is protected. |
| **Relevant DoE Policy and link** | [Excursions Policy](https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/excursions-policy) |
| **DoE Preschool Handbook January 2016** | Wellbeing, p. 45 |
| **Key Resources** | [Excursion Implementation Procedures](https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/associated-documents/Proced.pdf)  [ACECQA Excursion Risk Management Plan](http://files.acecqa.gov.au/files/Templates/Excursionriskmanagementplan.pdf)  [Kidsafe NSW](http://www.kidsafensw.org/) |

* Water containers or water features that could be drowning hazards will be appropriately covered or inaccessible to children.
* Educators will more closely supervise children when they are using water in their play or watering the garden.
* Educators and the children will empty any water containers immediately at the end of the play session, particularly larger trough-style containers.
* As part of the morning outdoor safety check, before the children arrive, educators will check no rain water has pooled in containers overnight.
* If a container of water is to be taken into the sand pit area, educators will pay particular attention to this area.
* Families will supply their child’s own sealed drinking bottle of clean water each day.
* No child will be allowed to drink out of another’s bottle. If this inadvertently occurs, staff will empty and thoroughly clean the water container before refilling it.
* No hot water will be accessible to the children in the preschool, ie. The hot taps do not operate.
* Adults may carry and consume hot drinks only in an approved thermal mug with a lid so none can be accidently spilt.
* A risk assessment will be conducted prior to any excursion taking place. If the venue has a body of water such as a lake or creek, the staff to child ratio will be increased.