

Planning Water-Based Activities Procedure

This procedure should be read in conjunction with the 'Safe Environment Policy'

1. Adequate supervision and constant visual contact with children are the main priorities while providing water-based activities.
2. Educators will ensure water troughs or containers for water play are only filled to a safe level and emptied after use.
3. Children will be instructed in the safe use of equipment used during water-based activities, for example slip and slide, water pistols, bubble machines, etc.
4. The hygienic state of water will be assessed before it is used for children's play. In general, the water should come from a source considered 'Potable Water', and recycled or grey water should not be used for child activities.
5. The children's play areas will be checked each morning to ensure that no containers or pools of water that are accessible to children. If rain occurs during the day, outdoor play areas will be checked for safety prior to the children entering the outdoor environment.
6. A risk assessment will be completed for any water-based activities that involve considerable amounts of water to minimise potential hazards.
7. Excursions planned that involve water-based activities or large bodies of water (e.g. swimming pools, rivers, etc.) will specifically consider the risks associated with the bodies of water in the excursion risk assessment, and consideration will be given to additional supervision in order to reduce the risks.

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