



Swallowcliffe P-7

Be Safe, Be Kind, Work Hard

SWALLOWCLIFFE PRESCHOOL

Water Safety Policy

This information relates specifically to and meets the requirements of Regulation 168 of the *Education and Care Services National Regulations*.

Swallowcliffe Preschool understands the risks that water-based activities pose and will undertake measures to protect the health and safety of all children involved in water-based activities.

Educators will:

- complete a risk assessment before allowing children to engage in water hazard activities at the service or on excursion and ensure all risks are minimised or eliminated where possible. Water hazard activities are defined as anything that holds more than 5cm of water and would fit a child's mouth and nose.
- ensure no child swims in any water without:
 - written permission from parents
 - appropriate educator/child ratios in place and adequate supervision
- actively supervise children at all times when there is a risk of access to any water hazard. Active supervision includes:
 - direct and constant monitoring of children- within 1 to 2 metres of children
 - careful and intentional positioning to ensure supervision is maintained at all times
 - higher adult to child ratios
 - actively listening and watching closely monitoring and intercepting risks and unsafe behaviour.
- ensure children with diarrhoea, upset stomachs, open sores or nasal infections do not swim or play in water
- ensure all children wear appropriate clothing/swimmers in a pool, go to the toilet before entering the pool, and follow correct toileting hygiene practices while in the pool
- eliminate hazards by emptying water immediately after use and store in a manner that prevents the vessel from filling when not in use.
- Monitor the environment to ensure that containers/pools of water are managed and adequately drained.
- remove all children immediately if a child passes a bowel motion in the pool, advise pool managers if at a public pool, disinfect and if practical empty a home pool or trough.
- Ensure that wading pools/troughs are filled with less than 300mm of water.
- ensure all pools and troughs in which children play are hygienically cleaned, disinfected and chlorinated (larger pools) in accordance with the instructions on the relevant maintenance container. For wading pools and troughs educators will:
 - empty daily- ensuring the removal of debris and leaves
 - hose away surface dirt
 - scrub inside with disinfectant and rinse it away before refilling.

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