

WATER SAFETY POLICY







Water Safety Policy 2020

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD (NQS)

QUALITY AREA 2: CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY		
2.1.2	Health practices and procedures	Effective illness and injury management and hygiene practices are promoted and implemented.
2.2	Safety	Each child is protected.
2.2.1	Supervision	At all times, reasonable precautions and adequate supervision ensure children are protected from harm and hazard.
2.2.2	Incident and emergency management	Plans to effectively manage incidents and emergencies are developed in consultation with relevant authorities, practised and implemented.

EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES NATIONAL REGULATIONS		
101	Conduct of risk assessment for excursions	
115	Premises designed to facilitate supervision	
122	Educators must be working directly with children to be included in ratios	
126	Centre based services-general educator qualifications	
168	Education and care service must have policies and procedures	

Strategies

• A risk assessment will be conducted prior to any excursion taking place. Particular attention will be focused upon water safety where the excursion is near a body of water. Ensure that ratios are adequate enough when around large bodies of water.

Responsibilities of the Approved Provider

Ensure the service operates in line with the Children Education and Care Services National Law and the Education and Care Services National Regulations.

Responsibilities of the Nominated Supervisor

- Ensure children are adequately supervised, are not subject to inappropriate discipline, and are protected from harms and hazards (National Law 166).
- Provide supervision, guidance and advice to ensure adherence to the policy at all times.
- Ensure risk assessments for excursions planned near water identify a higher staff to child ratio to ensure adequate supervision (National Regulation 100, 101).