



Water safety

National Regulations: 168,119,120

National Quality Standards. Quality Area 2- 2.1.1, 2.3.2 7-7.3.5

Supervision and risk assessment are the keys for keeping children cared for safe in instances where they are interacting with water at the service

Strategies that educators will implement in the service

- Children will be adequately supervised at all times when having access to any water, such as water play and water features that may be in the play environment
- Water troughs will be emptied immediately after use
- Hot food and beverages are only to be consumed in staff rooms (staff/lunch rooms) during rostered tea/ lunch breaks
- Children will not be taken into the kitchens/ laundry/ cleaning cupboard or staff room where they could come into contact with potentially harmful products e.g. hot water, chemicals, sharp objects
- Hot water accessible to children in the bathrooms will be maintained at the temperature of 43.5 degrees Celsius. Thermostatic valves to be tested regularly
- Risk assessments will be carried out when excursions occur near water
- Cooking experiences requiring hot water will be avoided or risk assessments will be written beforehand
- After heavy rain, check the yard and empty any water that collects in containers
- Risk assessments will be implemented

Policy Source Acknowledgements

Kidsafe: <http://www.kidsafe.com.au>