



<b>POLICY:</b>	<b>WATER SAFETY</b>
<b>2B.21</b>	

**1. Policy Objective:**

To ensure that all water related activities have been assessed for risk and benefit.

**2. Explanation:**

Systems need to be in place to identify and correct potential safety issues in relation to water at or in a Service. A risk assessment and minimisation plan will be in place to ensure every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children and adults from harm.

**3. Implementation:**

- 3.1 All staff/educators will have an orientation that includes information about Work, Health and Safety obligations and responsibilities, especially in relation to water activities.
- 3.2 The Service will incorporate identification of any water related hazards into the Workplace Health and Safety and Excursion risk assessment processes.
- 3.3 In developing risk management strategies, particular attention will be given to the individual skills and experiences of the children.
- 3.4 All staff will be provided with information regarding water hazards and water safety.
- 3.5 In developing risk management strategies, particular attention will be given to the individual skills and experiences of the staff who will be providing the activity.
- 3.6 Any programmed activity where water is involved shall incorporate an educative component for the children regarding water safety.
- 3.7 Children will never be left unattended at or near water.
- 3.8 Where the children are to be taught by an external person, the Nominated Supervisor shall be satisfied that external person is a fit and proper person to carry out the activity.
- 3.9 Educators and any external personnel, will strictly enforce the implementation of all risk management strategies developed regarding water safety.
- 3.10 Water safety shall be continuously reinforced by educators during regular program activity.

**Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed and updated (if needed), at least every two years, by the Early Childhood Team, following input from all stakeholders.

**Associated Documents:**

All associated documents can be found in the Work Health and Safety section of the QLECS Forms and Documents

**Related Policies:**

- 2B.06: Excursions and Incursions
- 2B.19: Supervision of Children
- 3.03: Hazard Identification and Risk Management

**References:**

**Legislation:**

Education and Care Services National Law 2011: Section 167  
Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011: Regulation 100-102; 168 (2) (a)  
Work, Health and Safety Act 2011

**Websites:**

- [www.kidsafe.org.au](http://www.kidsafe.org.au)
- [www.worksafe.qld.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au)
- <https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/>
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