



THE CUBBYHOUSE

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Water Safety Policy

Introduction

Children can be unaware of how dangerous water can be. In Australia drowning is the greatest cause of accidental death. Drowning is the number one cause of death for children under five. Babies and toddlers are top-heavy, which makes them susceptible to drowning. If a baby falls into even shallow water, she can't always lift herself out. Drowning can occur quickly and quietly, without any warning noises. (Raising Children Network, 2014)

Goals - what are we going to do?

Educate all children to be safe from the dangers of water.

Educate all children to understand how to keep themselves safe from these dangers.

Educators will be vigilant with supervision around water and water activities and educating children on how to keep themselves safe.

Strategies - How will it be done?

Educators will:

- Ensure all water buckets will be kept out of the reach of children and supervised while they are being used.
- All buckets will be immediately emptied when not in use. To meet sustainable practices, to be emptied onto gardens/ grass
- Supervise at all times any water play activities which are planned throughout the program and they will be emptied when educators are not present at the activity.
- Will teach children water safety issues through books, language groups and the program. Educators will aim to embed water safety in everyday planning and learning.
- Children will attend the Kids alive do the five shows when it tours the area to help educate children.
- Management will assess water hazards at all times and eliminate these hazards.
- There will be no use of swimming or wading pools at The Cubbyhouse at anytime. Small tubs for children to sit in may be used under constant/ appropriate supervision.
- Water safety information will be provided in newsletters as well as brochures for families.
- Families will be given information and encouraged to attend swimming lessons at local pools from a young age and continue throughout the year
- When completing a risk assessment for excursions etc water hazards and risks associated with water based activities will be taken into consideration.

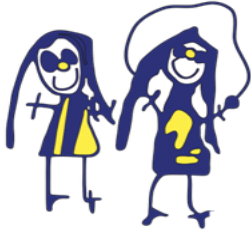
Statutory legislation and considerations

Education and Care Services National Regulations

Regulations 85,86,87,89,100,101,102,345

Sources

Water Safety: Data, Cubbyhouse Originals, Cubbyhouse Manuals, Policies



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Kids alive do the five - <http://www.kidsalive.com.au/> (Accessed October 2015)

Water Safety for Children 8-9-2014 - http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/safe_fun_with_water.html
(Accessed October 2015)

Links to other policies

Acceptance and Refusal of Authorisation Policy
Communication and Interactions with Families Policy
Curriculum Development and Programming Policy
Educator Employment Policy
Educator Professional Development Policy
Emergencies and Evacuations Policy
Enrolment and Orientation Policy
Excursions and Incursions Policy
Incidents, Injuries and Trauma Policy
Interactions with Children Policy
Notification of Death Policy
Participation of Students and Volunteers Policy
Policies and Policy Review Policy
Risk Management Policy
Staff Orientation and Induction Policy
Supervision of Children Policy
Workplace Health and Safety Policy

Links to procedures – (Data, Cubbyhouse Originals, Cubbyhouse Manuals, Procedures)

Dangerous Products Storage Procedure
Emergencies and Evacuations Procedures
Enrolment and Orientation Procedures
Illness, First Aid and Hygiene Procedures
Programming Guidelines
Safety Checks and Supervision Procedure
Staff Development Procedure
Staff Orientation Procedure
Student Volunteer Orientation Procedure

Links to forms/ resources

Data, Cubbyhouse Originals, Resources

- ❖ Special Days and Fundraising Excursions
 - Permission Note Template

Data, Cubbyhouse Originals, Forms

- ❖ Centre Forms
 - Excursion Risk Assessment and Management plan Form

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