THE LADY GEORGE KINDERGARTEN

Preschool Water Safety Procedure

PURPOSE

To outline the procedures that apply to managing water safety, including safety during any water-based activities

SCOPE

The procedure applies to all educators and volunteers working at The Lady George kindergarten service.

PROCEDURE DETAIL

Children must be supervised at all times when having access to any water hazards.

Where a water vessel is used for water play by children, the vessel is to be emptied immediately after use and stored in a manner that prevents the vessel filling with water when not in use.

Ensure that effective barriers are in place to prevent access by children to any area adjacent to a water hazard (eg. Ponds, water vessels)

When children are taken on an excursion to swim or where there is a significant water hazard, educators are to conduct a risk assessment in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 100 and 101 of the Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011.

Children are to have safe independent access to clean and cool drinking water at all times.

Objectives

Children need opportunities to develop their understanding of the natural environment. Experiences with water encourage active exploration and discovery of the environment.

Knowledge of potential hazards associated with water will assist educators to provide a safe, stimulating environment for preschool children.
ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Preschool Director
Implementation of the Preschool Water Safety Procedure

MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REVIEW

The Preschool Water Safety Procedure will be monitored, evaluated and reviewed by staff and Preschool Governing Council

REFERENCES

Kidsafe NSW - Water Safety
DECD
Preschool Water Safety Procedure

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