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Relevant
Legislation &
Standards

Children (Education and Care Services National Law Application) Act 2010
Education and Care Services National regulations 2011: 168
National Quality Standard: 2.1.1; 2.3.2; 7.3.5

Aim / Policy
Statement

The safety and supervision of children in and around water is identified as a very high priority. This relates to water play, excursions near water, hot water, drinking water and hygiene practices with water.

Goals

The safety and wellbeing of all children will:

- be protected in and around water through supervision and prevention strategies.
- be promoted through the availability of clean, hygienic water for play and for drinking.

Strategies

The Nominated Supervisor will:

- Provide supported guidance to all educators, staff and families on the importance of children's health and safety
- Ensure Work, Health and Safety practices incorporate a safe approach to water within the program and learning environment.

Educators and Staff will:

- Ensure water play containers are filled to a safe level and that these activities are effectively supervised at all times. Where supervision is not able to be provided the water containers will be emptied into the gardens.
- Children are discouraged to drink the water from water play activities and re-directed to their drink bottles.
- Water safety will be included in the program with children.
- Any buckets used for cleaning purposes will be emptied immediately after use and not left unsupervised.
- Provide available drinking water for the children at all times. The children will have access to their drink bottles and they will be checked and refilled as required. Refilled drink bottles are noted on the sign in sheet for parents / guardians.
- When on excursion adequate clean drinking water is to be provided for the children.

Operational Safety:

- Our water tank is for use in garden areas only. The tank is clearly labelled NOT FOR DRINKING. Educators and staff supervise the use of this water and ensure it is not used for drinking.
- Hot water accessible to the children will be maintained at a constant temperature no greater than 43.5 degrees Celsius. This temperature is checked once a month by staff and recorded. Thermostat mixing valves will be serviced annually by a qualified plumber. (Records stored 'T' Thermostat Mixing Valve File)
- As part of the planning for excursions, a risk assessment will be conducted to identify any potential water hazards. A management strategy will then be developed to appropriately manage this risk (e.g. increased child:adult ratios, alternative routes).
- Adults may only consume hot drinks outside of the learning areas.

The children will:

- Be able to experience positive experiences with water in a safe and supervised environment.
- Be encouraged to use water safely and with an increase awareness of conserving this precious resource.
- Experience a program that reinforces the message of water safety.
- Understand drinking water is an essential part of being healthy.

Evaluation

- Supervision and access to water within the Pre-School is managed effectively to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all children.

Resources and Attachments

- Munch and Move Program – Drinking Water
- www.kidsafe.com.au
- www.kidsalive.com.au

- Water Safety

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