

Water Safety



Policy

Children will be supervised by a responsible adult when engaging in activities relating to water so that adequate safety will be ensured.

Background

Children need constant supervision around water. Younger children are especially vulnerable - they can drown in less than six centimetres of water. That means drowning can happen where it is least expected - the sink, the toilet bowl, fountains, buckets, inflatable pools. Janelle Street Centre will comply with the requirements of the Education and Care Services Regulation 2011.

Practices

During water play:

- Educators will encourage children to wear a waterproof apron to protect their clothes if deemed necessary
- No child will be left unattended whilst water is present.
- Educators will place only a small quantity of water into a container.
- Play will be supervised by educators at all times.

When children are able to run under a sprinkler, the sprinkler will be used on low setting only.

Educators will supervise children in and around the bathrooms at all times, making sure accidents and spills are cleaned up as soon as possible.

Water used outside will be discarded before returning inside.

Educators will adhere to local water restrictions for participation in water play.

Sources

- www.kidsafensw.org/safety/home-community/water-safety/ (accessed October 25, 2023)

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