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## **Water Safety Policy**

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 assists educators to provide a safe, stimulating environment for kindergarten children.

### **At Willsden Childhood Services Centre:**

- Children are taught about the safe use and safe play with water.
- Educators will discuss hazards/safety that may be in the area with the children.
- Water in troughs are kept at a low level to minimise drowning or swallowing water.
- Children are adequately supervised at all times when having access to any water hazards eg. temporary pond, water trough, buckets.
- Where a water vessel eg. water trough or bucket is used for water play by children, the vessel is emptied immediately after use and stored in a manner that prevents it from filling with water when not in use.
- The playground is inspected each week for water hazards occurring through rain.
- When children are taken on an excursion where there is a significant water hazard, educators conduct a risk assessment in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 100 and 101 of the *Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011*.
- Educators continually monitoring space and listening for any noise changes or lack of noise.
- Educators will intentionally position themselves where they can monitor the whole space.
- Educators will scan and anticipate the play of children.
- If required educators will follow first aid and emergency management processes.
- Children have safe independent access to clean and cool drinking water at all times.

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