

## Water Play : Risk Assessment

Toongabbie East Activity Centre

### Identified Hazard -

- Trips, slips, falls during –
  - Water Gun Play
  - Hose play
  - Bucket Play
  - Water Balloon Fight
- Exposure to sun/wind
- Areas with bindis, sticks, broken glass, needles
- Children running into each other
- Buckets/container left turned up and water collecting in them
- Supervision

### Risk Rating Key

- !!** Very High
- !** High Risk
- #** Medium Risk
- \*** Low Risk

RISK	Control Measures	Who	When
	Staff will be required to read the Emergency Procedures Manual in consultation with this Risk Assessment.		
<b>#Dangerous environment/Situation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– As per our Emergency Procedures Manual &amp; Flip Chart - <b>3.12 Medical Emergency &amp; 3.23 Needle Stick Injury and Syringe Disposal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check for life threatening situation and control, if safe to do so.</li> <li>• Notify Chief Warden – provide location and details of emergency.</li> <li>• Notify Ambulance, if required.</li> <li>• Commence First Aid – if trained and safe to do so.</li> <li>• Designate someone to meet Ambulance and direct them to the location of casualty.</li> <li>• Do not leave casualty alone and DO NOT move casualty unless exposed to a life threatening situation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	All Educators	Immediately/As soon as Possible
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– As per our Emergency Procedures Manual &amp; Flip Chart – 2.1 Emergency Control Organisation (ECO)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECO - Responsible Person to delegate each position to a Staff person at beginning of each Session.</li> <li>• Staff are to be aware of their roles and responsibilities on the ECO.</li> <li>• Emergency Planning Committee (EPC) meet annually.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	All Educators	Immediately/As soon as Possible

<p><b>Risk</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Sprains, fractures, bruises</li> <li># Sunburn, sunstroke and dehydration</li> <li># Cuts, grazes, puncture wounds</li> <li># Needle Stick injuries</li> <li>* Children leaving the area – child protection issues</li> </ul>	<p>– As per our Policies and Procedures, Education and Care Services National Regulations and Law –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children reminded of the Be Safe, Be Responsible &amp; Be Respectful rules.</li> <li>• Educators will explain the water play rules with children before activity begins.</li> <li>• Children unable to follow set rules may be asked to leave the activity.</li> <li>• Activity will be set up in area away from other activities being run to reduce the risk of children running into each other.</li> <li>• Educators are to supervise following PAT – Position, Awareness &amp; Teamwork</li> <li>• Educators and children must wear hats when UV is rated 3 and over.</li> <li>• Educators and children must wear Sunscreen when UV is rated 3 and over. Applied and reapplied as per manufacturer’s instructions.</li> <li>• Educators are to ensure Safety Checklist is completed for area before commencement of activity.</li> <li>• If area has obstruction or hazard, Educator must be able to remove before commencement of activity.</li> <li>• If unable to remove obstruction or hazard, Educator must cordon off and report to Responsible Person. Hazard Report and Maintenance Log completed and forwarded to appropriate person to be actioned.</li> <li>• Children and educators are to wear enclosed shoes whilst playing.</li> <li>• Educators on site are First Aid trained and First Aid Kits fully stocked.</li> <li>• Phones, Walkie Talkies and Ipads to be charged for each Session.</li> <li>• Evacuation Trolley and mobile phone to be taken to areas away from main room.</li> <li>• Children will be reminded to tell Educator when leaving an area.</li> <li>• Children will be sent in pairs to use the toilets. Educator to be aware of time children have been away from area and follow up their whereabouts if been away for a longer than expected amount of time.</li> </ul>	<p>All Educators</p>	<p>Immediately/As soon as Possible</p>
<p>*Drowning - Child falling into bucket/container with water</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educators will remain with children at all times when using containers for water play.</li> <li>• Containers for water play will be emptied immediately after each use, , turned upside down or packed away.</li> <li>• Buckets for cleaning will be emptied immediately after each use, turned upside down or packed away.</li> <li>• Safety Checklist will be completed for each Session – play areas will be checked each morning/afternoon to ensure no containers with water or pools of water are accessible to children.</li> </ul>	<p>All Educators</p>	<p>Immediately/As soon as Possible</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Separate Risk Assessments are required for Excursions involving water or near bodies of water present.</li></ul>		
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