



# Water Play Risk Assessment

Toongabbie West Activity Centre

**Risk Rating Key**

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

- Identified Hazard –**
- Slipping on wet grass or concrete
  - A hard balloon to the face or body
  - Exposure to the sun, wind etc
  - Playing in an area with bindis, sticks and weeds
  - Children running into each other

Risk -	Control Measures
<p><b>!!!</b> Sprains, fractures, bumps, bruises</p> <p><b># !</b> Grazes and burns</p> <p><b># !</b> Welts and bruises</p> <p><b>!!!</b> Hypothermia</p> <p><b>!!!</b> Sunstroke, sunburn and dehydration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New Educators are taught about the safety concerns of the children playing water play, how to correctly supervise.</li> <li>- Educators are to refer to Flip Chart Blue Tab – <b>Medical Emergency</b>, and Emergency Procedures pg 16</li> <li>- Children learn and are reminded of the safety rules before they begin playing any water games. Safety rules include; when using water balloons, they can be thrown from the waist down, avoiding the head. Children must be a couple of metres apart when throwing water balloons at each other to reduce risk of welts and bruises. Rubbish of water balloons will be picked up after the game is finished and put into the rubbish bin. When plying Drip Drip Drop all other children should be sitting properly to reduce tripping over legs and bodies.</li> <li>- Any children that cannot follow the rules and are being unsafe will not be allowed to participate.</li> <li>- Educators commence a safety checklist before the children arrive at the grass or in the quad making sure the space has no obstructions that can cause a trip hazard. Any obstructions need to be recorded and removed.</li> <li>- Educators are to choose a space that is large and spacious for lots of children to play. Any other games that are happening are to do so far enough away to reduce the risk of children running into each other.</li> <li>- Educators are trained in first aid.</li> <li>- The emergency trolley is to be taken to the grass or quad area containing the first aid kit, Ventolin kit, spare EpiPen, emergency contacts for all children and educators.</li> <li>- Educators are to take walkie talkies with them to communicate with other educators in case of an emergency. They are to also take work mobile phone to contact parents/Head office/emergency services.</li> <li>- Children and educators are to wear enclosed shoes whilst playing. This is to reduce the risk of foot injuries from bindis, sticks, weeds and scrapes on the concrete.</li> <li>- Educators are to check the UV before the children play. If the UV is 3 and over educators are to ensure they are all wearing hats and sunscreen.</li> </ul>

- Sunscreen is to be applied beforehand with enough time to sink in to avoid it running into eyes when they begin water play. If the UV is still high 2 hours after applying, children are to reapply again.
- If the UV is too extreme and it's a very hot day children will be told to stop to get water breaks and Educators may stop the activity early and go inside into air conditioning.
- If the weather drops and gets cold quickly children are at risk of hypothermia/extreme shivering. Educators are to dry children with a towel and change them into spare clothes kept in the school office. If it is very severe emergency services are to be called immediately.
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**Policies relating to Risk Assessment**

- First Aid Policy – Management of Incident, Injury, Illness and Trauma
- Supervision policy
- Water Safety Policy
- Sun Protection Policy

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