



Water Safety Policy

Aim

CSIROCare educators and staff will prevent child accidents and injuries related to water at all times

Rationale

Drowning is the most common cause of death for children under 5 years of age in Australia, and while most drownings occur in a swimming pool, it is important to remember that young children can drown in 5cm of water. Young children are curious by nature and enjoy exploring their environments. Many do not understand the consequences or danger, and often drown quickly and silently

Body

According to the Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011, Reg 168 all Education and Care Services must have a water safety policy and procedures to follow.

CSIROCare prevents water related accidents and injuries by:

- Supervising the children at all times when they are using the water play tubs
- Never placing water play tubs on the floor and always keeping them at table height to prevent children from falling in to them
- Removing water from tubs when no longer being used, and emptying on to garden areas
- Ensuring no buckets or tubs containing water are left in the children's playrooms or outdoor areas
- Always adequately supervising children in the bathroom areas
- Completing outdoor checks each morning to ensure that no puddles of water have formed anywhere and ensuring the outdoor environment is safe
- Teaching children about staying safe in and around water
- Having all educators fully trained in CPR and First Aid