

## 1. POLICY CERTIFICATION

Policy title:	<b>Crèche – Water Safety Policy</b>
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## 2. POLICY PURPOSE

The Roper Gulf Regional Council has a duty to ensure the health and wellbeing of all children enrolled at the crèche run under Roper Gulf Regional Council. This policy minimises the risk/s associated with water play through outline safe working practises in order to do so.

## 3. ORGANISATIONAL SCOPE

This policy applies to Crèches run under Roper Gulf Regional Council.

## 4. POLICY STATEMENT

Roper Gulf Regional Council recognises that safe water play is beneficial to children’s growth and development. Childcare Educators must ensure that safe practices and regulations are followed for all water play activities; this includes hoses, sprinklers, shallow tubs, buckets, bubblers and wading pools.

## 5. DEFINITIONS

Crèche	is a day care centre where child care educator will take care of children in place of their parents
RGRC	Roper Gulf Regional Council

## 6. PRINCIPLES

At all times Childcare Educators will:

- supervise children whilst playing with water
- ensure that all water carrying vessels/paddling pools/water play containers that can reasonably present a drowning hazard for children are emptied / cleaned at the end of each water play activity and safely stored
- ensure that all water carrying vessels are emptied and allowed to dry thoroughly at the end of each water play activity.
- ensure children thoroughly wash and dry their hands following each water play activity to reduce the risk of cross infection.
- remain within arms reach of all children at all times while being bathed and / or water is still in the bath.
- fill water troughs or water containers for play to a safe level.

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- discourage children from drinking from water play vessels
- follow the Sun Smart Policy
- check the play area each morning and after rain to ensure no containers or pools of water are accessible to children.
- will store buckets used for general cleaning will be stored in an area inaccessible to children at all times.

**7. REFERENCES**

Acknowledgements (original author/source documents)	
Related Policies	
Related Publications	
Relevant Forms	

**8. DOCUMENT CONTROL**

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