

WATER SAFETY POLICY

The safety and supervision of your children in and around water is of the highest priority. This relates to water play, excursions near water, hot water, drinking water and hygiene practices with water in the child care environment. Children will be supervised at all times during water play experiences. FKO does not have a swimming pool.

Buckets of water used during cleaning throughout the day, are filled immediately before use, supervised by an adult while in use, and emptied immediately and cleaned thoroughly after use.

CHILDREN'S SAFETY & WELLBEING WILL:

- ... be protected in and around water through supervision and prevention,
- ... be promoted through the availability of clean, hygienic water for play & drinking.

TO PREVENT CHILD ACCIDENTS & ILLNESSES RELATING TO SWIMMING, WADING POOLS & OTHER WATER HAZARDS WE WILL:

- ... have at least two staff members, who are at least 18 years of age, be present at all times during any water activities while outdoors.
- ... provide guidance to our staff on the importance of children's safety in & around water.
- ... teach the children about staying safe in and around water.
- ... ensure water troughs or containers for water play are filled to a safe level and not leave buckets, water play-trough or any other water hazards unsupervised on the premises.
- ... ensure work, health and safety practices incorporate approaches to safe storage of water and play,
- ... check garden after watering or rain and empty water that has collected in holes or containers.
- ... closely supervise children near any water at all times and never leave children alone near any water.
- ... provide clean drinking water at all times.

