

## POLICY & PROCEDURAL STATEMENTS

**Topic:** Early Learning – Water-based Activities

**Policy:** Avenue Neighbourhood House @ Eley Inc. Early Learning Centre (ANH@E) is committed to ensuring that all water based learning environments are actively supervised and containers / ponds emptied when not in use.

**Relevant Legislation and Standards:**

- Education and Care Services National Regulations (regulation 168 (2) (a)(iii))
- National Quality Standard 2.3
- Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004

**Water Safety Procedure:**

ANH@E Early Learning Centre will

- only fill or turn on water troughs and water features when play begins either indoors and/or outdoors and when active supervision can occur.
- closely supervise at all times children playing with water (water play trough, ponds).
- never leave a child unattended at a water feature. A staff member must supervise this area at all times when a child is in attendance.
- display a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) guide in the centre.
- empty all wading pools/water features/water troughs immediately after use including when all children come indoors from outdoors and when playrooms / outdoors are not in use.
- prevent the collection of water in outside containers. Containers will be stored upright/inverted, and checked after rain or watering and empty water that has collected in holes or containers.
- place water containers/troughs in an open area for supervision. Water troughs are not to be placed in blind areas of the outdoor and indoor environments.
- regulate hot water that is accessible to children to a temperature below 40 degrees.

**This policy was created in June 2017 and will be reviewed again in June 2019.**

This policy will be reviewed bi annually unless there are any regulatory or legislative requirements and/or any feedback from staff, parents and the community.