

**WAC 110-147-1620 What are the requirements for supervising children?** (1) Your agency is responsible to provide adequate supervision at all times. You should arrange and maintain supervision of children during times of crisis when one or more family members or staff members may be unavailable to provide the necessary supervision or coverage for other children in care.

(2) When special supervision is required and agreed upon between the department and the agency, the agency must ensure the necessary supervision is being provided. This supervision may require auditory or visual supervision at all times.

(3) Prior to placement, you must inquire if a child poses a risk to the other children or has special supervision needs by obtaining information from the parent, legal guardian, the child's DSHS worker, therapist, or previous placements. You must:

(a) Develop a plan to address those needs;

(b) Obtain approval from the child's DSHS worker if the child is under the care and authority of the department; and

(c) Inform the foster parent who will be caring for the child.

(4) All high risk activities, including the use of power driven machines or other hazardous equipment, must be properly supervised by an adult. When participating in high risk activities, children must:

(a) Be instructed how to use and required to use appropriate safety equipment, such as helmets and life vests; and

(b) Be in continuous visual or auditory range at all times, unless approved by the child's DSHS worker.

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