

WAC 110-305-5750 Supervising children. (1) The licensee must provide required staffing levels, staff-to-child ratios and supervision for the number of children in attendance.

(2) The licensee or program staff must be aware of what the children are doing at all times and be available and able to promptly assist or redirect activities when necessary.

(3) The licensee and program staff must consider the following when deciding how closely to supervise the children:

(a) Ages of the children;
(b) Individual differences and abilities;
(c) Layout of the indoor and outdoor licensed space and play area;

(d) The risk associated with the activities children are engaged in; and

(e) Any nearby hazards including those in the licensed or unlicensed space.

(4) An electronic communication or surveillance device does not replace direct supervision of the children.

(5) The required staff-to-child ratio must be maintained when the children are in the licensed outdoor space.

(6) The licensee or program staff must be within sight or hearing range of children when in the licensed indoor and outdoor space and be available and able to respond if the need arises for the safety of the children, including when:

(a) Moving from indoors to outdoors;
(b) Moving from room to room; and
(c) The child uses the restroom.

(7) When only one staff person is present, a second qualified staff person must be on-site, able, and readily available to assist in an emergency.

(8) See:

(a) WAC 170-297-5150 for additional supervision requirements when children are engaged in an off-site water play or swimming activity;

(b) WAC 170-297-5175 for additional supervision requirements when children are using a wading pool; and

(c) WAC 170-297-5200 for additional supervision requirements when children are using a swimming pool.

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