

WAC 110-300-0350 Supervising children during water activities.

(1) During water activities, an early learning provider must meet all supervision requirements of this section and WAC 110-300-0345.

(2) During water activities, an early learning provider must:

(a) Ensure a one-to-one (1:1) staff-to-child ratio for infants;

(b) Hold or have continuous touch of infants, nonambulatory toddlers, and children with special needs as required; and

(c) Keep toddlers within arm's length.

(3) An early learning provider must have written permission for water activities from each child's parent or guardian.

(4) For water activities on or off the early learning program premises, where the water is more than twenty-four inches deep, an early learning provider must ensure:

(a) A certified lifeguard is present and on duty; and

(b) At least one additional staff member than would otherwise be required is present to help actively supervise if the children are preschool age or older.

(5) An early learning provider must have life-saving equipment readily accessible during water activities if a pool is six feet or more in any direction and two feet or more in depth. Life-saving equipment may include a ring buoy and rope, a rescue tube, or a throwing line and a shepherd's hook that will not conduct electricity.

(6) If an early learning provider takes children off-site to an area with an accessible body of water more than four inches deep (for example, a park with a lake or stream) but children are not engaging in a water activity, there must be:

(a) At least one more staff person than required in the staff-to-child ratio; and

(b) At least one attending staff person must be able to swim.

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