# WATER SAFETY IN REGULATED CHILD CARE SETTINGS

**POLICY**

It is the policy of Cook’s School Day Care Inc to make every attempt to ensure the safety of the children enrolled in our programs at all times.

## PROCEDURES

### In Support of Play-Based Learning

The use of splash pads, sprinklers, hoses and water tables is encouraged.

### Standing Bodies of Water on the premises

**Child Care Centre Licensing Manual, August 2016, Subsection 4.2– Sanitary Practices, Ontario Regulation 137/15**

If wading/kiddie pools are used, the following minimum practices are recommended:

* Wading pools are filled with fresh water and sanitized/disinfected after each use.
* Children who are not fully toilet trained should wear diapers designed for swimming.
* Wading pools are stored in such a way that they don’t collect rain water (to prevent mosquitoes etc.).
* Children should be within arm’s reach of a staff person.

### RECREATIONAL BODIES OF WATER: Public Swimming Pools & Beaches

### Consent

Parents/guardians are informed in advance if an outing to a swimming pool or beach is planned. The parent/guardian of every child participating in the excursion must sign a consent form applicable to the location being visited prior to the event.

### Safety

* There must be a lifeguard present who is at least 16 years of age and currently holds a lifeguard certificate that is not dated more than two years prior to the date on which they are acting as a lifeguard.
* Adults are encouraged to become familiar with basic water/swimming safety practices and precautions.
* Adults must hold a valid standard first aid certificate including infant & child CPR at all times.
* The children are accompanied and directly supervised by agency adults (18 years or older) at all times.
* Ministry of Education ratios must be adhered to at all times.
* The rules of public pools must be followed.

## Modifications to This or Other Policies

Any policy that does not respect and promote the dignity, independence, integration and equal opportunity of people with disabilities will be modified or removed. Our policies are maintained and updated regularly to reflect our practices, employees and best serve our customers.