

## 2.9 BATHING

### Policy:

Drowning is the major cause of accidental death for children aged one to four. Family day care educators will ensure every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and any hazard likely to cause injury.

### Procedures:

1. A child being educated and cared for at a family day care residence or approved family day care venue must be supervised with a level of supervision appropriate to the age and stage of development of the child at all times whilst they are bathing.
2. The educator must be present in the bathroom at all times whilst under school age children are bathing or showering.
3. The privacy of school aged children must be respected while maintaining a safe bathing/showering environment.
4. Before placing any child into the bath or shower an Educator must check the water temperature. Bath water should be 38°C or less.
5. Educators must ensure all control measures are in place for any bathroom hazards identified as part of the home risk assessment.

Date Implemented	Review Date	Date Updated	Source
2010 January	2011 July 2013 April 2014 October 2016 April 2019 April 2021 January	2011 November  2017 October 2019 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011.</li><li>• Staying Healthy - 5<sup>th</sup> edition</li><li>• Guide to the National Quality Standard 2011</li></ul>