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1. Purpose

YMCA Children's Services recognises swimming and water play as an enjoyable and valuable play experience for children.

2. Scope


The scope of this policy applies to all Board members, Sub Committee members, educators, and volunteers. This policy applies to all YMCA Member Associations. For the purposes of this document, we refer to these as the YMCA. All Policies and Procedures must conform to this policy.

3. Policy Statement

YMCA Children's Services aims to stop accidents and illnesses relating to swimming pools, wading pools, water troughs and other water experiences. Our staff will ensure health and safety guidelines are maintained during these experiences.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

Department / Area	Role / Responsibility
Children's Services Management	<p>Is responsible for the development, monitoring, and review of the policy and related systems, ensuring content meets all legislated requirements.</p> <p>To facilitate policy awareness to all educators on the appropriate implementation and use of the policy.</p>

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Responsible Persons	<p>Nominated supervisor/service management will oversee the implementation and service adherence of the policy.</p> <p>Nominated supervisor/person with management and control will seek individual community feedback and facilitate an active consultation process with service users as appropriate.</p> <p>Is responsible for addressing any instance of non-compliance with this policy and implementing strategies to help prevent non-compliance with this policy.</p> <p>Responsible for ensuring suitable resources and support systems to enable compliance with this policy.</p> <p>Drive the consultation process and provide leadership and advice on the continuous improvement of the policy.</p>
All employees, volunteers & students	<p>Responsible for meeting the requirements outlined in this policy.</p> <p>Responsible for raising concerns or complaints in accordance with this policy.</p>

5. Definitions

Duty of Care

A common law concept that refers to the responsibilities of organisations to provide people with an adequate level of protection against harm and all reasonably foreseeable risk of injury.

6. Key Relevant Documents


- Education and Early Childhood Services (Registration and Standards) Act 2011
- Education and Care Services National Regulations (2011 SI 653)
- Water Safety Procedure

7. Monitoring Evaluation and Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years or earlier for reasonable cause or upon the request of the YMCA South Australia Board.

8. Version History

Version	Date	Description of changes	Effective Date	Review Date
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2.0	12/07/2023	Updated legislative and industry requirements. Updated document name. Added procedure reference.	12/08/2023	July 2025
3.0	26/05/2025	Reviewed. No changes needed.	26/05/2025	May 2027