

Aquatic Policy for (Your Business Name)

- As per licensing requirements, written parental permission and a written description of a child's swimming ability is required before child(ren) participate in any aquatic activity.
- There is/is not swimming/wading pool at my/our child care.
- The following types of water activities are provided at my/our child care program:
List types provided – swimming, wading, field trips to pools, etc.

- All swimming pools (other than wading) are approved yearly by the local public health unit.
- Steps/ladders are removed from pool/hot tubs when not in use.
- Children are not allowed to use hot tubs.
- Wading pools are emptied, cleaned, and disinfected daily. Only potable water is used to fill the wading pool. Wading pools are emptied when not in use.
- Lifeguards are not considered to be teachers/caregivers. Lifeguards will not be counted in the child:staff ratio at a public pool.
- Program will maintain child-to-staff ratios as follows (list age group and ratio):
Classroom child-to-staff ratios can be used for swimming/water play. However, for best practice it is recommended to follow the child-to-staff ratios given by Caring for Our Children National Health and Safety Performance Standards for Child Care and Early Education.*

Age Group	Child-to-Staff Supervision Ratio (Best practice ratios listed in example)
Infant/Toddler	*1 to 1 Ratio along with having one hand on the child at all times during the activity
Preschool	*4 to 1 Ratio
School-Age	*6 to 1 Ratio

- Child-to-staff ratios will be maintained at all times.
- I/staff will not be involved in any activity other than directly supervising the children during water activities.
- Children will be kept in sight at all times during water activities.
- I/staff am/are certified in pediatric first aid and CPR and will be present at all times during water activities.
- A phone and a first aid kit will be kept readily accessible at all times.
- Children in diapers are required to wear diapers designed for swimming/water activities.
- Children with diarrhea or open sores will not be allowed to participate in water activities.