



# Water Play Safety Guidelines

Water can be a significant source of germs and, when contaminated, can easily spread infections.

## Individual water play containers are required for:

- ✓ diapered children\*
- ✓ children with signs of infection (e.g., diarrhea, vomiting, fever, cough, runny nose, and skin or eye infections)
- ✓ during an outbreak

## Recommended procedure for all water play:

1. Staff must practise hand hygiene before set up.
2. Fill containers with clean water before each session / use.  
Do not add bleach or any other disinfectant to play water.
3. Children must practise hand hygiene before and after water play.
4. No sponge toys, no drinking play water or placing toys in mouth.
5. Dump water. Clean and disinfect toys and containers after each session / use.

**Remember: Immediately stop all GROUP water play during a suspected outbreak of illness.**

\* Circumstances may vary. Please consult with your Public Health Inspector.



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