

Water Play Safety Guidelines

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.
3. Do not add bleach or any other disinfectant to play water.
4. Children must practise hand hygiene before and after water play.
5. Do not drink play water, place toys in mouth and no sponge toys.
6. Dump water. Clean and disinfect toys and containers after each session / use.



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

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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905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729
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