

Risk Assessment – Excursion Scenarios

These scenarios can help determine the number of staff and adults accompanying children on an excursion.

No hazard present			
Single Age Grouping	<p>A group of ten Preschoolers is attending the nearby library for a puppet show. After completing a risk assessment it was identified there were no hazards. The library is within walking distance on a quiet street. A parent has volunteered to attend with the group. In accordance with Section 53(5) of <i>The Child Care Regulations, 2001</i> the required ratio of Staff/Adults : Children for this outing is 2:10. One staff member and one adult meet the requirements for this outing.</p> <p>2:3 infant 2:5 toddler 2:10 preschool 2:15 school-age</p>		
	<p>Two groups of Preschoolers (20 children) are attending the nearby library for a puppet show. After completing a risk assessment it was identified there were no hazards. The library is within walking distance on a quiet street. In accordance with Section 53(4) of <i>The Child Care Regulations, 2001</i> the required ratio of Staff : Children for this outing is 2:20.</p> <p>2:6 infant 2:10 toddler 2:20 preschool 2:30 school-age</p>		
Mixed Age Grouping	<p>A mixed group of toddlers and preschoolers is attending the nearby library for a puppet show. After completing a risk assessment it was identified there were no hazards. There are six preschoolers and two toddlers attending the outing. A parent has also volunteered to attend the outing. In accordance with Section 53(6) of <i>The Child Care Regulations, 2001</i> the required ratio of Staff/Adults : Children for this outing is 2:15</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><i>2:15 equivalent children:</i></p> <p>1 infant = 5 children 1 toddler = 3 children 1 preschool child = 1.5 children 1 school-age child = 1 child</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; padding-left: 20px;"> <p>2 TD x 3 = 6 children 6 PS x 1.5 = <u>9</u> children 15</p> <p>The number of equivalent children requires one staff, supplemented with one additional adult.</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><i>2:15 equivalent children:</i></p> <p>1 infant = 5 children 1 toddler = 3 children 1 preschool child = 1.5 children 1 school-age child = 1 child</p>	<p>2 TD x 3 = 6 children 6 PS x 1.5 = <u>9</u> children 15</p> <p>The number of equivalent children requires one staff, supplemented with one additional adult.</p>
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Hazards present – Enhanced ratios required				
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Mixed Age Grouping	<p>A mix of toddlers and preschoolers are going to the spray park for an afternoon. There are four toddlers and 7 preschoolers in total. After completing a risk assessment it was identified that there are some possible hazards requiring enhanced ratios. There are two staff attending this outing to meet the minimum staffing requirements as well as one additional adult to ensure that enhanced ratios are in place as required in Section 53(8) of <i>The Child Care Regulations, 2001</i>. The Staff/Adult : <i>Equivalent</i> Child ratio is 3:41</p> <p><i>Recommended enhanced ratios</i> 1:15 (equivalent children)</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>4 TD x 5 = 20 children</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 PS x 3 = <u>21</u> children</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">41</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right;">41/15 = 2.7 staff/adults</p> <p>1 infant = 7.5 children 1 toddler = 5 children 1 preschool child = 3 children 1 school-age child = 1.5 child</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A minimum of two staff and one additional adult is required to meet the enhanced ratio.</p>	4 TD x 5 = 20 children	7 PS x 3 = <u>21</u> children	41
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