

ACTIVE SUPERVISION

SIX STRATEGIES TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

ARRANGE THE ENVIRONMENT

Educators arrange the environment so that they create open sight lines that make supervision easy. When the furniture is at waist height or shorter, adults can see and hear children more easily. It allows educators to move around effortlessly and view learning spaces from several different angles. Environments that allow accessible and visible monitoring of children's rest and bathroom areas will also contribute to effective supervision.

POSITION EDUCATORS

Educators carefully plan where they will position themselves in the environment to prevent children from harm. They place themselves so that together, they can see and hear all of the children in the centre. By moving around the area, educators can ensure the best view possible of the children. Educators stay close to children who may need additional support. Their location helps them provide support if necessary.

SCAN AND ACCOUNT

Educators are always able to account for the children in the centre. They continually scan the entire environment to know where everyone is and what they are doing. Educators are aware of ratios, particularly as children transition from one space to another.

LISTEN

Specific sounds or the absence of them may signify reason for concern. Educators who are actively listening to children immediately identify signs of potential danger and opportunities for learning. Supervision plans should consider additional strategies to implement active listening.

ANTICIPATE CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR

Educators use what they know about each child's knowledge, culture, ideas, abilities and interests to predict what he or she will do. They create challenges that children are ready for and support them in succeeding. They also ensure children are alerted to safety issues and encouraged to develop the skills to assess and minimise risks to their own safety. Information about the children's health and wellbeing informs educators' observations and helps them anticipate children's behaviour. Educators who know what to expect are better able to protect children from the risk of harm.

ENGAGE AND EXTEND

Educators use what they know about each child's knowledge, culture, ideas, abilities and interests to plan learning experiences that engage their curiosity and wonder. Children are encouraged to explore, experiment and take appropriate risks in their learning.



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