

Child Pool Complex Admission Policy

The aim of this policy is to protect children, who historically, are those most at risk of drowning in swimming pools.

The Watershed's policy is set against the background of the advice and guidance of the following relevant organisations: Irish Water Safety, Swim Ireland and Ireland Active.

- **Children aged 10 or under must be accompanied in the water at all times by a supervising adult, that is someone aged 18 or older.**
- **One adult supervisor must accompany every two children aged 7 or under. If there are three or four children aged 7 or under, a second adult supervisor is essential, and so on.**
- **For children aged 8, 9 and 10, the ratio is one adult supervisor for every three children.**
- **One adult may supervise two children aged 7 or under plus one child aged 8, 9 or 10 OR one child aged 7 or under plus two aged 8, 9 or 10. But one extra child in either age group requires a second adult supervisor.**
- **Adult supervision means that adults must accompany the children in the water at all times.**

Please note:

- **We have a lifeguard or lifeguards on duty at all times. The role of the lifeguard is to oversee the entire pool and everyone in it, rather than to provide individual supervision. Lifeguards cannot and should not, be expected to replace the care, responsibility and supervision of parents.**

Thank you for your cooperation with regard to this very important Safety Policy