



# CHILDREN'S SERVICES Hot Water Policy

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## 1. Introduction

A scald is a burn injury caused by hot liquid, hot vapor or steam. For babies and young children, scalds are commonly associated with hot drinks, water being boiled for drinks, cooking and hot food and hot tap water.

## 2. Scope

This Policy applies to all Children's Services operated by Coast Services Group Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Coast Community Connections LTD) and our employees. This applies to Early Childhood Programs, Occasional Care, Out Of School Hours Care and Vacation Care programs and services.

## 3. Policy

Children's Services and Educators aim to prevent scalding of children in care.

## 4. Procedures and Implementation

Children's Services Educators will ensure that:

- 4.1 Hot water from any outlet accessible to children at a centre based children's service is regulated to keep the temperature of water from the outlet below 43.5 degrees Celsius.
- 4.2 Staff should use thick rubber gloves when washing dishes at temperatures above 43.5 degrees Celsius.
- 4.3 Will not drink hot drinks in rooms where children are present. This also applies to visitors and parents at the centre.

## 5. Other related policies and procedures

- Administration of First Aid and Emergency Treatment Policy
- Water Safety Policy