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Guidance on Maintaining Adequate Supervision Ratios

In planning a trip or activity, it is critically important to consider how many adults are needed to supervise children in a safe manner. It is recommended that a certain number of adults be available to supervise a certain number of children; however, this is also dependent on whether the children have specific needs or requirements, and on the duration of the activity.

At a minimum, two adults are required for each activity.

In addition, the minimum following ratios should be applied, depending on the number of children:

zero to 1 years	1 member of staff to 3 children
1 to 2 years	1 member of staff to 5 children
2 to 3 years	1 member of staff to 6 children
3 to 6 years	1 member of staff to 8 children
7 to 12 years	1 member of staff to 8 children
13 to 18 years	1 member of staff to 10 children

If it is an overnight activity, additional staff should be considered. If the group is mixed, a gender balance should be maintained.