

Maintaining Adequate Supervision Ratios

In planning a trip or activity, it is critically important to consider how many adults are needed to supervise children/young people in a safe manner.

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

In addition, the minimum following ratios should be applied. These ratios may need to be reviewed depending on whether the children/young people have specific needs or requirements and on the duration of the activity.

- zero to one year = two adults for first three children plus one adult for every additional three.
- one to two years = two adults for first five children plus one adult for every additional five.
- two to three years = two adults for first six children plus one adult for every additional six.
- three to six years = two adults for first eight children plus one adult for every additional eight.
- seven to twelve years = two adults for first eight children plus one adult for every additional eight.
- thirteen to eighteen years = two adults for first ten children plus one adult for every additional ten.

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