



Early Childhood Education and Care

Safe beginnings. Bright futures.



Active Supervision

Why it Matters

Active supervision ensures children are protected from harm and hazards, and promotes meaningful learning and development. It's a key part of Quality Area 2 of the National Quality Standard.

6 Simple Steps to Active Supervision



1.

Set up the environment

Create and maintain safe, engaging spaces that support visibility and access.

2.

Position educators strategically

Ensure educators are placed in an area where they can observe all children effectively.

3.

Scan and count

Regularly scan the area and count children to maintain awareness.

4.

Listen carefully

Tune into children's voices and sounds to detect changes or concerns.

5.

Anticipate behaviour

Use knowledge of each child and their needs to predict their behaviour and prepare to respond.

6.

Engage and redirect

Interact meaningfully and guide children's choices.

Learn More

Visit the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority website for more information on how to implement active supervision at your service.

