

Terms and Definitions

Active supervision or actively supervising means a heightened standard of care beyond supervision. This standard requires an early learning provider to see and hear the children they are responsible for during higher risk activities. The provider must be able to prevent or instantly respond to unsafe or harmful events.

ASTM refers to the American Society for Testing and Materials.

CPSC means the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Early learning professionals are all early learning providers, child care licensing staff, and other professionals in the early learning field.

Early learning program space means the licensed indoor and outdoor space on the premises approved by the department for the purpose of providing licensed child care.

Inaccessible to children means a method to prevent a child from reaching, entering, using, or getting to items, areas, or materials of an early learning program.

Infant is a child birth through eleven months of age.

Preschool-age children means children thirty months through six years of age not attending kindergarten or elementary school.

RCW means Revised Code of Washington.

School-age children means a child not less than five years of age through twelve years of age who is attending kindergarten or elementary school.

Supervise or supervision means an early learning provider must be able to see or hear the children they are responsible for at all times. Early learning providers must use their knowledge of each child's development and behavior to anticipate what may occur to prevent unsafe or unhealthy events or conduct, or to intervene in such circumstances as soon as possible. Early learning providers must also reposition themselves or the children to be aware of where children are and what they are doing during care. An early learning provider must reassess and adjust their supervision each time child care activities change. See "active supervision" for a heightened standard of care.

Toddler means a child twelve months through twenty-nine months of age.

WAC means Washington Administrative Code.

Weapon means an instrument or device of any kind that is used or designed to be used to inflict harm including, but not limited to, rifles, handguns, shotguns, antique firearms, knives, swords, bows and arrows, BB guns, pellet guns, air rifles, electronic or other stun devices, or fighting implements.