

## 1.4C 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.

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.

**Within each group the ratio of adults to children is determined by the age of the children involved.**

- 0- 1 year: one member of staff to *three* children
- 1-2 years: one member of staff to *five* children
- 2-3 years: one member of staff to *six* children
- 3-6 years: one member of staff to *eight* children
- 7-12 years: one member of staff to *eight* children
- 13-18 years: one member of staff to *ten* children

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