## 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. 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 one years = one member of staff to three children
    - one to two years = one member of staff to five children
    - two to three years = one member of staff to six children
    - three to six years = one member of staff to eight children
    - seven to twelve years = one member of staff to eight children
    - thirteen to eighteen 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.