A Poolside Supervision Handoff Needs an Adult Who Says Yes - working notes

One situation. Clear facts. An honest next step.

Designate a responsible adult for close, constant supervision around water and confirm any handoff directly. Keep supervision active even when lifeguards are present, and get children out of the water if the needed coverage is unavailable.

Hypothetical example: An adult plans to go inside, but the suggested replacement is preparing lunch and has not agreed. The adults resolve coverage while keeping the children under care.

01 Replace "everyone is watching" with an accepted duty

Confirm the responsible adult and the actual water-supervision arrangement.

Water setting

Responsible supervision role

Suitability question to resolve

02 Make the handoff a short conversation between adults

Agree on a direct handoff that requires clear acceptance.

Handoff request wording

Acceptance confirmation

Which children and area

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03 Protect the attention the duty requires

Identify distractions and changes that require a new check.

Competing responsibility

Location or group change

Other prevention measures to verify

04 Use a planning example to expose the missing answer

Plan what happens when suitable replacement coverage is unavailable.

No-replacement response

Adult decision owner

Review before next gathering