



Adult to child ratios recommended procedures

There is no specific guidance about supervision ratios for organisations that are not in the education or early years sectors. Our procedures are based on the NSPCC's best practice guidance to help organisations work out how many adults are needed to supervise children safely.

We are dedicated to having at least two adults present when working with or supervising children and young people. During our work with children and young people (persons aged under 18), we recommend the following adult to child ratios as the minimum numbers to help keep children safe:

- **0 - 2 years** - one adult to three children
- **2 - 3 years** - one adult to four children
- **4 - 8 years** - one adult to six children
- **9 - 12 years** - one adult to eight children
- **13 - 18 years** - one adult to ten children

We recommend always having at least two adults, skilled in working with children/young people, present, even with smaller groups.

If young people are helping to supervise younger children only people aged 18 or over should be included as adults when calculating adult to child ratios.

First aid ratios

We operate with at least one adult trained in first aid.

When running one-off events we will carry out a first-aid and medical risk assessment to ensure that our delivery is competent, with adequate first aid and able to cope with the demands of your event.

Travelling ratios

We do not provide group transport, but can advise on the organisation of this, based on the guidance below. When travelling with children and young people the recommended adult to child ratio can vary depending on:



- size of the group
- age of the children and their behaviours
- size of the vehicle that you are travelling in.

If you are travelling in a vehicle it is recommended that there is one adult driving and one adult supervising the children.

Think about having one adult driving and at least one adult supervising the children, depending on the size of the group.