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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
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The Child Watch Department takes pride in having a warm, loving, and safe environment in which your child can explore, learn, and experience many different activities.

Child Watch Guidelines

- For safety reasons, we ask that all mobile children wear shoes and/or socks.
- Parents/guardians are invited to check on their child at any given time but are not permitted to enter Child Watch areas.
- No food allowed in any room.
- All cups and bottles should be marked with the child's full name. If your child has any special needs, please inform the staff. They will make every effort to accommodate your family.
- For the health and wellbeing of our staff and children, we ask that if your child is ill, please keep them home.
- For the health and safety of all children, Child Watch staff do not change diapers. Parents/Guardians will be contacted if a diaper change is needed.

Playroom Rules

- Sharing is caring.
- Smile and have fun.
- Children will be asked to pick up and put away what they play with.

Toys and Personal Items from Home

- No toys or electronics should be brought from home. They create problems with sharing, as well as broken hearts if toys get lost or broken. Small toys also create a hazard to our younger children.

Safety Tips

Some features that help ensure your child's safety are:

- Toys are age appropriate and used in a safe manner.
- Electrical outlets are covered.
- Age-appropriate supplies are provided and monitored during supervised activities. Cleaners and chemicals are out of reach.
- A first aid kit is kept near playrooms.
- All staff undergo a criminal background check and are trained in child abuse prevention.

Child Guidance

YMCA Child Watch staff use redirection and positive reinforcement while working with your child. If these techniques are not successful and your child poses a danger to self or others, we will notify you immediately. Staff reserve the right to limit a child's access to child watch areas until behavior improves.

Our staff make every effort to keep your child happy and content while in Child Watch. We will ask for your assistance in soothing the child in the event that your child is not able to be consoled or has cried for more than 15 minutes.