Safe Ratios when working with Children

An adult should **never** be alone with children

Age range	Recommended minimum ratio for INDOOR activities
0 – 2 years	1 adult for up to 3 children (minimum 2)
3 years	1 adult for up to 4 children (minimum 2)
4 – 7 years	1 adult for up to 8 children (minimum 2)
8 – 12 years	2 adults for up to 20 children (preferably one of each gender) with an extra adult for every 10 additional children
13 years and over	2 adults for up to 20 children (preferably one of each gender) with an extra adult for every 10 additional children

This does not take into account special circumstances such as behavioural issues, developmental issues, disability and so on, which may mean an increase to the recommended ratios.

In calculating the ratios of workers to children, young helpers who are under the age of 18 should be counted as one of the children, not one of the workers.