

# Daycare drowning probed by child services <sup>[1]</sup>

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The Ministry of Child and Youth Services said it is investigating the death of a 2½-year-old boy who drowned in the pool of an Ottawa daycare provider last month.

Ministry spokesman Gary Wheeler said the provincial department is investigating an unlicensed daycare in the Ottawa suburb of Orleans after Jeremie Audette was found July 28 floating in a pool at a party where daycare providers had gathered for a party.

The boy was pronounced dead in hospital.

Ottawa police said Monday they would not press criminal charges, but would aid in the investigations of both the ministry and the coroner's office.

Wheeler said charges could be pressed under the Ontario Day Nurseries Act.

"Ministry staff will look into complaints from the public about a caregiver who may be taking care of more than five unrelated children," said Wheeler.

"An informal child-care provider, who is not associated with a private home-day-care agency, may care for up to five children under 10 years of age, in addition to his or her own children, and that number cannot be exceeded in a private residence, regardless of the number of adults present," he said.

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