

## Deakin University Psychology Research Study

### Toddler water-play research

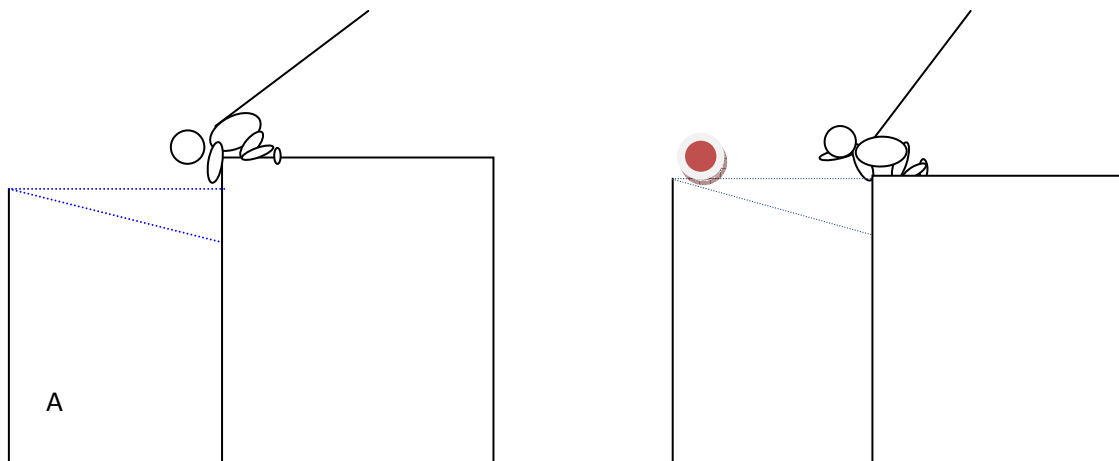
#### **What is it that attracts toddlers to the edge of water? What can we do to make the edge of water less attractive to toddlers?**

These are some of the questions we are investigating in our toddler-water play research.

Are you the parent of a child aged 16-25 months?

Would you and your child be interested in participating in our research?

Researchers in the School of Psychology, Deakin University are currently undertaking a series of experiments to investigate factors that influence toddlers' behaviour at the edge of water. These experiments involve observing toddlers while they explore a modified visual cliff that contains a shallow pool of water (see Figures below). The toddlers are harnessed so that they cannot fall into the water, and their parent sits beside them. The experiments take approximately 40 minutes in the Perception & Action Lab at the Burwood Campus at Deakin University. As part of our data collection, parents are asked to complete several questionnaires about their child's temperament, activity level and injury history; these take approximately 1.5 hours, and can be complete at a time of convenience.



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