

The importance of safeguarding culture

Collaboration
Tailored + Transparent + Supportive



Safeguarding Culture
Deep Knowledge + Improved Practice

- Increased knowledge and awareness of child safeguarding matters.
 - Greater confidence around child safeguarding processes and clarity around roles and expectations.
 - Staff are better protected in the child safeguarding process.
 - Improved processes and procedures around child safety.
 - Improved management practice in line with safeguarding Standards and Principles.
 - Enhanced reputation and community trust.
- Improved understanding of risks and compliance requirements.
 - Improved communication and professional practice around child safety.
 - Organisations embed and sustain a culture of safeguarding.
 - Improved risk mitigation and management around child safety.
 - Enhanced engagement with children and families.
 - Improved safeguarding for children and families.

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For Children and Young People



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NSW Child Safe Standards

Identical to the National Principles

<p>STANDARD 1 Child safety is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture</p>	<p>STANDARD 2 Children participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously</p>
<p>STANDARD 3 Families and communities are informed and involved</p>	<p>STANDARD 4 Equity is upheld and diverse needs are taken into account</p>
<p>STANDARD 5 People working with children are suitable and supported</p>	<p>STANDARD 6 Processes to respond to complaints of child abuse are child focused</p>
<p>STANDARD 7 Staff are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through continual education and training</p>	<p>STANDARD 8 Physical and online environments minimise the opportunity for abuse to occur</p>
<p>STANDARD 9 Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is continuously reviewed and improved</p>	<p>STANDARD 10 Policies and procedures document how the organisation is child safe</p>

Announced in March 2022



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Victorian Child Safe Standards (July 1st, 2022)

Standard 1
Organisations establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued

Standard 2
Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture

Standard 3
Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously

Standard 4
Families and communities are informed, and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing

Standard 5
Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice

Standard 6
People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice

Standard 7
Processes for complaints and concerns are child focused

Standard 8
Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training

Standard 9
Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed

Standard 10
Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved

Standard 11
Policies and procedures document how the organisation is safe for children and young people

Commission for Children and Young People, New Child Safe Standards



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Victorian Child Safe Standards

July 2022:
11 Standards

Each standard must promote:

- The cultural safety of Aboriginal children
- The cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds
- The safety of children with a disability

January 2023:
Regulation
Commences



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Qld Safe and together- model –from Strengthening families Protecting children Framework for practice



The Safe and Together model is a perpetrator pattern-based approach to assessment, intervention and safety planning for children, young people, parents and families impacted by domestic and family violence. Its three key principles underpin domestic and family violence-informed child safety practice and assist practitioners to hold those accountable for their choices and behaviour.



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Other states and territories

- SA: Endorses National Principles; mandates Child Safe Environments Compliance Statement
- QLD: Endorses National Principles; mandates Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy
- TAS: Endorses National Principles; scoping legislation to uphold these
- WA: Endorses National Principles; scoping legislation to uphold these
- ACT: Endorses National Principles; scoping legislation to uphold these
- NT: Endorses National Principles



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