



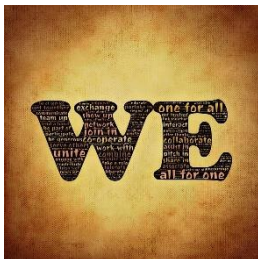
SSAA Victoria

Easy English Version

Child Safe Policy



A policy is a plan for how we should do things.
Our policies are where our rules come from.



SSAA Victoria wrote this policy. When you see the word 'we', it means SSAA Victoria.



We wrote this policy in an easy-to-read way.
It is a summary of the most important ideas.



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What is this policy about?



This **policy** is about keeping children safe from abuse.



Abuse is when someone treats you badly.

There are different types of abuse:



Violence is when someone hurts you physically.



Emotional is when someone says mean things to you, calls you names, puts you down or ignores you.



Sexual is when someone makes you do sexual things you do not want to do or are too young to do.

This includes:



Children with a disability.



Aboriginal children.



Children who come from different cultures.

Why do we need this policy?

This policy is about how we keep children safe when they:



Attend a course.



Use our services.

We need this policy to make sure everyone who works for us knows how to keep children safe.

The laws that apply:



In Victoria we have a law that says we must keep children safe from abuse.



This law called the Child, Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 (Vic). We call this the Act.



The Act says we must have a policy that explains how we will:



Stop child abuse.



Report child abuse.

Our child safe policy:

1. All children have the **right** to be safe.

Rights are rules about how everyone should be treated:

- **Fairly.**
- **Equally.**



2. We want everyone who works for us ensures a safe environment for children.

3. We will listen to what children have to say when we make decisions that affect them.



4. We believe our facilities should be:

- **Safe.**
- **Inclusive.**

When something is inclusive, everyone can take part.

5. We understand that children:

- Come from different backgrounds.
- Have different abilities.
- Have different needs.



6. We will keep children from **discrimination**:

Discrimination is when someone is treated badly because of something about them they can't change.



7. All our staff must have a **Working with Children Check (WWCC)** before they work with us.

A Working with Children Check tells us if someone can work safely with children.

8. Everyone who works for us knows what to do when child abuse is reported by:

- **You.**
- **Someone who works for us.**





9. We have a team who makes sure we:

- Follow the rules when someone reports child abuse.
- Act in the right way.



10. This team will also find ways to make our policy better.

11. Anyone can report child abuse.

When you or someone else reports child abuse, we will make sure:

- **You are safe.**
- **There is no more risk of child abuse.**
- **We report it to the Police.**

12. We will support the child who experienced the child abuse.

13. We will keep your information private:

- When you report child abuse, we might have to get **sensitive information** from you.



- Sensitive information is information about you that might be very private or personal.



But we will keep this information about you **private** and **safe**.



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