

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Volleyball Queensland is committed to continually strengthening its child safeguarding framework and is actively working towards full alignment with the 10 Child Safe Standards. This commitment reinforces our focus on providing safe, inclusive, and supportive environments for all participants.

The Child Safe Standards establish a clear and consistent benchmark for organisations to assess their child safety capability and set measurable performance objectives. They provide practical guidance to support the development of a strong child safe culture, ensuring the safety, wellbeing, and best interests of children are embedded across all organisational activities.

The 10 Child Safe Standards are:

- Child safety is embedded in organisational leadership, governance, and culture
- Children are engaged in decisions that affect them and are taken seriously
- Families and communities are informed, engaged, and involved
- Equity is upheld, and diverse needs are recognised and addressed
- People working with children are appropriately screened, supported, and supervised
- Child-focused processes are in place to respond to complaints and concerns
- Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge and skills to keep children safe through ongoing education and training
- Physical and online environments are designed to minimise opportunities for harm
- Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and continuously improved
- Policies and procedures clearly articulate the organisation's commitment to child safety

YOU CAN REPORT CONCERNS ABOUT:

- CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT
- GROOMING OR BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS
- INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR BY VOLUNTEER, STAFF OR MEMBERS
- BREACHES OF THE NRL CHILD SAFETY POLICY
- ANY SITUATION WHERE A CHILD FEELS UNSAFE
- SUBMIT A CHILD SAFETY REPORT HERE
- REPORT A CONCERN

PLEASE DIRECT ALL CONCERNS TO GILLIAN O'MARA (CEO) AT CEO@VQ.ORG.AU

IF A CHILD IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER, CALL 000.

