Child Safe Organisations Resources:

Getting started

- [Child Safe Organisations Information for Organisations and Community Service - Providers](#) – Department for Communities
- [Video Taking Care of Yourself on Vimeo](#) Australian Childhood Foundation
- [Understanding the National Principles](#) Australian Human Rights Commission – understanding and talking about the National Principles with children and organisations.
- [Child Safe Organisations WA Guidelines](#) – Commissioner for Children and Young People
- [Tips for Implementing the National Principles](#) – Commissioner for Children and Young People
- [Child Safeguarding Initiative - True Sport](#) Sportwest, True Sport Safeguarding

Identifying Child Abuse and Neglect

- [Identifying child abuse and neglect (www.wa.gov.au)](#)
- [What to do when you are concerned a child is being abused or neglected (www.wa.gov.au)](#)
- [Video Harmful Sexual Behaviour on Vimeo](#) ACF Harmful Sexual Behaviours

Self-assessment and review tools

- [Self-assessment and review tool](#) - Commissioner for Children and Young People
- [Introductory self-assessment tool](#) – National Office for Child Safety (available in multiple languages)

National Principle 1: Child safe governance and culture

- [What is child-friendly governance? — Child & Youth Friendly Governance Project (childfriendlygovernance.org)](#) Laura Lundy Model, Governance, Child Rights and Why they Matter
- [Child safe code of conduct generic template](#) – Department of Communities
- [Child safe code of conduct standards and obligations agreement](#) – Department of Communities
- [Applying a safeguarding code of conduct video](#) – Australian Childhood Foundation
- [Establishing a safeguarding perimeter video](#) – Australian Childhood Foundation

National Principle 2: Rights and participation of children and young people

- [national-strategy-a-guide-for-children-and-young-people.PDF (childsafety.gov.au)](#) A Guide for Children and Young People; The National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Child Sexual Abuse 2021-2030
- [Convention on the Rights of the Child (ohchr.org)](#) Children's rights.
- [Participation Framework | Hub Na nÓg (hubnanog.ie)](#) Laura Lundy's Participation Framework.
- [Feeling safe and respected wherever you are guide](#) – Commissioner for Children and Young People – what children and young people should expect from an organisation working with them.
- [A3 worksheets for children](#) – National Office for Child Safety – tools to help children and young people understand their rights and how to use them.

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- Youth Participation Kit for Organisations (2021) – Department of Communities – A series of publications for organisations which provide advice on how to maximise young people's input and contributions to community life (please note that elements of this toolkit may be outdated and will be updated in due course with relevant information).
- Lundy Model of Child Participation (europa.eu)

National Principle 3: Informing and involving families and communities

- Guide for parents and carers – Australian Human Rights Commission – how to choose safe and suitable organisations for your child.
- Translated National Principles resources – National Office for Child Safety – information about the National Principles is available in a range of languages.

National Principle 4: Upholding equity and respecting diverse needs

- Cultural safety in organisations guide – National Office for Child Safety – implementing the National Principles with a lens of cultural safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.
- Cultural safety in organisations video – National Office for Child Safety – understanding the National Principles through an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lens.
- Resources on child safety and prevention of abuse - CYDA Child and Young People with Disability Australia.
- Engaging with LGBTQI+ Communities_19082021.mp4 on Vimeo Engaging LGBTQI+ communities

National Principle 5: Suitability and support of people working with children and young people

- Volunteers and staff checklist – Commissioner for Children and Young People
- Child safe recruitment and staff management brochure – Department of Communities – guides organisations to adopt child safe practices in recruitment, staff induction and training, and supervision and management.

National Principle 6: Child focussed complaints processes

- Complaint handling guide and complaint-handling-guide-reference-guide.PDF (childsafety.gov.au) – National Office for Child Safety – information for organisations about how to develop, implement and maintain a complaint-handling system that prioritises child safety and promotes the rights of children and young people to have a voice in decisions that affect them.
- child-friendly-complaints-guidelines.pdf (ccyp.wa.gov.au) WA CCYP Child Friendly Complaints Guidelines
- Framework for Understanding and Guiding Responses to Harmful Sexual Behaviours in Children and Young People – WA Government with the Australian Centre for Child Protection WA
- Responding to children and young people's disclosures of abuse (aifs.gov.au)
- Ombudsman Western Australia Reportable Conduct Scheme
- Reportable Conduct Scheme Checklist 2024 – Western Australia - Safe Space Legal

National Principle 7: Education and training of staff and volunteers

- What to do when you are concerned a child is being abused or neglected poster – Department of Communities
- Child Safe Organisations eLearning Modules – Australian Human Rights Commission – free online training to increase organisational knowledge and understanding of the National Principles and identify the steps needed to implement them.

National Principle 8: Identifying and reducing risk of harm in physical and online environments

- Child safety risk management guide and checklist – National Office for Child Safety – support for organisations to understand how to appropriately manage child safety risks.
- Child Safe Child Friendly Risk Management Framework 2023 Example.pdf – Uniting Care
- Checklist for online safety – Australian Human Rights Commission
- Social media practice guide – Australian Childhood Foundation
- Framework for Understanding and Guiding Responses to Harmful Sexual Behaviours in Children and Young People – WA Government with the Australian Centre for Child Protection WA
- Video 3 Assessing risk and safety on Vimeo - Australian Childhood Foundations, Assessing Risk and Safety

National Principle 9: Review and improvement of implementing the National Principles

- Self-assessment and review tool - Commissioner for Children and Young People
- Introductory self-assessment tool – National Office for Child Safety – available in multiple languages
- Child safeguarding self-assessment tool – Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

National Principle 10: Policies and procedures document how the organisation is child-safe

- Child safety and wellbeing policy template – Australian Human Rights Commission.

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