

Victoria's 11 Child Safe Standards

UNDERSTANDING VICTORIA'S CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

The Child Safe Standards help keep children safe from abuse and harm. The standards include specific requirements for us as an organisation to:

- involve families and communities in our work to keep children safe.
- focus on cultural safety of Aboriginal children.
- keep children safe when they are online.
- improve governance, systems and processes to keep children safe from abuse and harm.



VICTORIA'S CHILD SAFE STANDARDS - A PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

Child Safe Standard 1

GRPSA welcomes Aboriginal children. Our staff support them to express their culture and to enjoy their rights. We don't allow racism.

Child Safe Standard 2

Child safety is important to everyone at all levels in our organisation. GRPSA staff document how we find, avoid, and stop risks of child abuse or harm.

Child Safe Standard 3

GRPSA supports children to know their rights to be safe from abuse, informed, and involved. Our staff help them to talk openly and take part in decisions that affect them.

Child Safe Standard 4

GRPSA tells families and the community about what we do, and how we keep children safe from harm and abuse. We help families to have a say and to take part in decisions that affect their child.

Child Safe Standard 5

GRPSA staff understand that every child is different and has different needs. We make sure that they can get the information and help that they need.

Child Safe Standard 6

GRPSA staff know what they must do to keep children safe from abuse and harm. They record, report, and share information about child safety when they should. Staff who work with children have had the background checks they need.

Child Safe Standard 7

GRPSA children and their families know how to make a complaint and what happens when a complaint is made. GRPSA staff know how to respond properly to complaints.

Child Safe Standard 8

GRPSA trains and supports staff to keep children safe from abuse and harm. Our staff know the signs of child abuse and harm and what to do if there are issues of abuse and harm.

Child Safe Standard 9

GRPSA makes sure children are safe when they use our services, settings, and activities. This includes when children are online.

Child Safe Standard 10

GRPSA checks and improves the ways we keep children safe from abuse and harm.

Child Safe Standard 11

GRPSA has written policies about how we keep children safe from abuse and harm. They are easy to understand, and all staff follow them.