

# The Child Safe Standards

The Child Safe Standards recommended by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse provide a framework so organisations can create cultures and adopt strategies to keep children safe from harm.

They:

- help drive cultural change in organisations
- are principle-based and outcome-focused
- are flexible enough that they can be adapted by organisations of varying sizes and characteristics
- avoid placing undue burden on organisations
- help organisations address multiple risks
- balance caution and caring
- are a benchmark against which organisations can assess their child safe capability and set performance targets
- are of equal importance and are interrelated



For more information on the Child Safe Standards or to arrange an information session please visit [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au), contact [childsaf@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](mailto:childsaf@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au) or phone **02 9286 7225**

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## STANDARD 1:

Child safety is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture



## STANDARD 3:

Families and communities are informed and involved



## STANDARD 4:

Equity is upheld and diverse needs are taken into account

## STANDARD 2:

Children participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously



## STANDARD 6:

Processes to respond to complaints of child abuse are child focused

## STANDARD 5:

People working with children are suitable and supported



## STANDARD 7:

Staff are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through continual education and training



## STANDARD 8:

Physical and online environments minimise the opportunity for abuse to occur



## STANDARD 9:

Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is continuously reviewed and improved



## STANDARD 10:

Policies and procedures document how the organisation is child safe!