

# MCC Child Safe Summary

## For children at immediate risk: Dial 000

### Support Documents and Links

- [MCC Child Safe Code of Conduct](#)
- [MCC Child Safe Policy](#)
- [MCC Child Safe Risk Mitigation Agreement](#)

## Child Safe Commitment

At the MCC we are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our members and volunteers. As part of this commitment we have implemented the [Victorian Child Safe Standards](#) to help protect children and young people under the age of 18 from child abuse and neglect.

## Promoting safety, participation and well being

At the MCC we support the safety, participation, well being and empowerment of children and young people, and seek to ensure the safety of any children involved in the club-related activities. We achieve this by:

- adhering to the MCC the club's child safe policy and commitment;
- performing [Working with Children checks](#) for all identified roles engaged in child related activities and services;
- mandating compliance training for specified roles/functions;
- taking all reasonable steps to protect children from abuse;
- treating everyone with respect;
- listening and responding to the views and concerns of children;
- promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal children, children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds and those with a disability
- ensuring as far as practicable that adults are not left alone with a child;
- if an allegation of child abuse is made, ensure as quickly as possible that the child(ren) are safe;
- encouraging children to 'have a say' and participate in all relevant organisational activities where possible, especially on issues that are important to them.

It is the shared responsibility of the club community to protect children and prevent child abuse and neglect.

Our commitment to the implementation of the [Victorian Child Safe Standards](#) and our cultural values seek to promote an environment in which children and their parents or guardians feel confident in discussing any allegations of child abuse or child safety concerns.

## Activities Involving Children

Where a member is doing a photo shoot, running a course or in other ways working with children, the member must be aware that the Child Safe Policy must be fully observed.

Where a member intends to run an event and/or make a booking of a club facility involving children, the member must fill out the Child Safe Risk Mitigation Agreement. Such an activity cannot take place without that agreement being submitted and approved.

## Zero Tolerance

At the MCC, we have zero tolerance approach towards child abuse.

Any allegations of child abuse should be reported immediately to the MCC Child Safety Officer or Board by emailing [mcc-secretary@melbournephoto.org.au](mailto:mcc-secretary@melbournephoto.org.au).

**Situations in which child(ren) are at immediate risk should be reported to Police by calling 000.**

## Other Useful Resources

- Emergency Services (Police) 000
- [Commission for Children and Young People - Website](#)
- [Department of Human Services Child Safe Standards Website](#)

## Child Safe Organisations Tip Sheets:

- [Safety of children with a disability \[PDF 250KB\]](#)
- [Safety of children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds \[PDF 229KB\]](#)
- [Cultural safety for Aboriginal Children \[PDF 435KB\]](#)
- [Department of Health and Human Services – Child Protection Manual](#)