



CHILD SAFE STANDARD 10

Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved.

Overview

This standard focuses on continuous improvement in child-safe policies, procedures and practices.

Schools must:

- regularly review and evaluate policies and strategies
- analyse child safety incident data
- share review findings with the school community.

Benefits of regularly reviewing child safety practices

Being a child-safe organisation requires ongoing effort.

Child safe organisations have an open and transparent culture, learn from their mistakes, and put the interests of children first. Taking time to review policies, procedures and practices puts child safety and wellbeing at the centre of the school's activities.

Regular reviews of policies, procedures and practices:

- makes sure they are adequate, up-to-date and effective, fully implemented and followed by everyone
- helps schools maintain the best approach to child safety and wellbeing and minimise the risk of harm.

Actions schools must take

To comply with this standard, at minimum, schools must:

- review and evaluate their [child safety and wellbeing policies](#), procedures and practices after any significant child safety incident, or at least every 2 years and improve where applicable
- analyse complaints, concerns and safety incidents to identify causes and systemic failures and to inform continuous improvement
- report on the outcomes of relevant reviews to staff, volunteers, the community, families and students.

When to review

Reviews of child safety policies and practices may be prompted by:

- a concern expressed by a student, family member, staff member, volunteer or community member
- a complaint or confirmed incident of child harm
- a legislative or regulatory change
- new issues or new activities proposed, such as new technologies or building changes
- discovery that staff or volunteers are not aware of child safety policies, or not implementing child safety policies as intended
- after a pre-determined period has passed.



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What to review

Schools should conduct thorough reviews and consider:

- [Child Safety and Wellbeing policy](#)
- [Child Safety Code of Conduct](#)
- [Child Safety Risk Register](#)
- Complaints Policy
- Procedure for responding to complaints and concerns relating to child abuse
- Recordkeeping and information management protocols
- Policies and practices on accessibility, cultural safety, diversity and inclusion
- Recruitment policies and practices for staff and volunteers
- Induction programs
- Training for staff and volunteers
- Communication aimed at students, their families and the community about child safety
- How the school is embedding child safety and rights in the curriculum.