



## CHILD SAFE STANDARD 9

Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.

### Overview

This standard focuses on child safety and wellbeing in physical and online environments and ensuring that procurement also reflects child safety.

Schools need to have policies and strategies:

- for identifying and responding to risk and reducing or removing the risk of harm
- for online conduct and online safety
- ensuring that procurement policies for facilities and services ensure the safety of children and students

Schools must analyse and understand potential risks to students. It is important to think about risks created by school structure and culture, activities and physical and online environments.

Online technologies are constantly changing which presents significant challenges for schools, parents and carers. Online behaviour needs to be addressed in the Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy and Codes of Conduct to promote child safety.

Arrangements with external agencies also create child safety risks. They create opportunities for unknown people to have contact with students.

### Benefits of a considering risks

By actively considering risks, schools can act preventatively to reduce the chances of risks happening. A thorough risk analysis is the first thing schools should do to promote child safety. It provides the foundation to inform all other child safety work, including policies, procedures and practices.

Schools will be in the best position to know where risks are located and how plans can be put in place to prevent or reduce them. Effective risk analysis will consider all of the child safe standards and risks in physical and online environments and procurement.

### Actions schools must take

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

- make sure child safety and wellbeing policies, procedures and practices enable school staff and volunteers to identify and mitigate risks without compromising a student's right to privacy, access to information, social connections and learning opportunities.
- develop and endorse a policy or statement on online conduct and online safety.
- develop procurement policies for facilities and services from third parties that ensure the safety of students.



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## Related documents and Policies:

- [Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy](#)
- [Yard Duty and Supervision Policy](#)
- [Child Safety Code of Conduct](#)
- [Digital Learning Policy](#)
- [Visitors Policy](#)
- [Volunteers Policy](#)
- [Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations - Mandatory Reporting](#)
- [Child Safety Risk Assessment](#)