

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

More information can be found on the



COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

website:

<http://www.cyp.vic.gov.au/child-safe-standards/index.htm>

The Child Safe Standards (Victoria) (listed below) come into effect for most organisations on 1st January 2017.

The Child Safe Standards

The Child Safe Standards are as follows:

In complying with the Child Safe Standards an applicable entity to which the standards apply must include the following principles as part of their response to each standard:

- promoting the cultural safety of Aboriginal children
- promoting the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds
- promoting the safety of children with a disability

To create and maintain a child safe organisation, an applicable entity to which the standards apply must have:

Standard 1: Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements.

Standard 2: A Child Safe Policy or Statement of Commitment to Child Safety.

Standard 3: A Code of Conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children.

Standard 4: Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel.

Standard 5: Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse.

Standard 6: Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse.

Standard 7: Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.