

Guide to Child Safety in the Live Performance Industry

Organisations that directly interact with children as part of their business activities have a responsibility to minimise the risk of children experiencing harm and care for their well-being.

The ***Guide to Child Safety in the Live Performance Industry*** (“Guide”) provides best practice guidance for:

- implementing child safe standards
- developing child safe policies and procedures
- creating a child safe organisational culture and environment

The Guide applies to organisations in the live performance industry that engage or interact with children as part of their business activities. This includes:

- casting children in a production (child performers)
- attendance of and interacting with child audience members
- providing instruction to children as part of a class/program/workshop
- using photos of children for media and promotion
- using children for professional promotional material (photography, voice-overs, film commercials)
- internships or work experience
- any other form of direct interaction with children as part of the organisation’s business activities.

The Guide includes example child safe policies and procedures for live performance organisations:

- Child Safe Policy and Commitment to Child Safety
- Code of Conduct – Employees
- Code of Conduct – Supervision of Children
- Policy on Exposure to Adult Themes
- Policy on Auditions and Casting
- Policy on Using Images of Children
- Complaints and Reporting Procedure

Useful resources:

- Fact sheet: What is Child Abuse?
- [Checklist: Child Safety Review and Action Plan \(VIC CCYP\)](#)
- [Child Protection List \(NSW Ombudsman\)](#)
- [Flowchart: Child Safety Reporting Process \(VIC CCYP\)](#)
- [Template Incident Report \(VIC DHS\)](#)
- [A Guide for Creating a Child Safe Organisation \(VIC CCYP\)](#)
- [Webinar: Victorian Child Safe Standards](#)

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