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Victorian Child Safe Standards Effective 1 January 2017

Dear Member,

Victorian Law requires organisations that work with children to meet Child Safe Standards by 1 January 2017.

New Victorian law requires organisations that provide services for children to meet Child Safe Standards by 1 January 2017. This includes organisations that employ children in Victoria.

All LPA Members that work with children, whether through employment or other means of engagement, are strongly encouraged to adopt the Standards in providing a child safe environment.

LPA is currently in the process of updating our *Guide to Child Safety in the Live Performance Industry* to incorporate the new Victorian standards. This will be made available to Members shortly.

Further information and resources on the Standards can be found on the Victorian Commission for Children and Young People's <u>website</u>.

Creative Victoria Child Safe Standards Forum

Creative Victoria is holding a forum, presented by the Commission for Children and Young People, to provide our industry with an introduction to the Standards and to help organisations make preparations.

LPA strongly encourages Members that currently or may in the future employ or work with children in Victoria to attend this forum in preparation for the incoming laws.

Any staff responsible for ensuring a safe and friendly working environment for children, including management and employees that engage directly with children are encouraged to attend.

Details of the forum are: Time: 2.30 – 4.00pm Date: Wednesday 14 September 2016 Location: The Pavilion, Theatres Building, Arts Centre Melbourne (formerly ANZ Pavilion)

Please RSVP by registering here. Registration is essential.

If you have any questions about this forum please contact either Erica Sanders (erica.sanders@ecodev.vic.gov.au or on 8683 3113) or Christopher McDermott (christopher.mcdermott@ecodev.vic.gov.au or on 8683 3202).

Should you have any queries in regard to child safety in live performance, please do not hesitate to contact the **LPA Policy Team** via <u>email</u> or call (03) 8614 2000.

Kind regards,

Holly Crain Policy Advisor



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