

# CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

## Presentation Guide

### Background

This presentation has been developed to assist sporting organisations provide background to their members about the Victorian Child Safe Standards. It has been designed as an information session only and as such, there are limited opportunities for activities or engagement with the audience. Presenters should allow time for questions from the audience.

**Comprises:** 1 x PPT Presentation  
1 x Presentation Guide (this document)

### Key Messages:

Child Safe Standards aim to:

- promote the safety of children
- prevent child abuse
- ensure organisations and businesses have effective processes in place to respond to and report all allegations of child abuse.

Child Safe Standards work by:

- driving changes in organisational culture – embedding child safety in everyday thinking and practice
- providing a minimum standard of child safety across all organisations
- highlighting that we all have a role to keep children safe from abuse.

Although all children are vulnerable, some children face additional vulnerabilities. The standards provide three overarching principles for organisations to cover:

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

## Presentation Outline

Slide	Title	Key Message	Notes	Resources (for extra information & context)	Mins
1.	Title Slide		Insert details about your organisation		n/a
2.	Child Safe Standards - Background	The standards are a result of recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust inquiry and evidence of what works to prevent child abuse.	Providing the background to the Child Safe Standards helps to set the scene and add context to what we will discuss later in the presentation.	About the Standards	2
3.	Who do they apply to? - Organisations	The Standards apply to a range of organisations. Sport is merely one sector that needs to comply.	The number of children the organisation services doesn't matter – i.e. the standards apply to those with 3 children just as much as those with 300.	About the Standards	1
4.	Who do they apply to? - Personnel	All individuals involved in the organisation need to contribute to meet the Standards, regardless of their level of contact with children.		About the Standards	1
5.	What do I need to know? – Background	The Standards have been in place since 1 January 2017 – Organisations need to work towards compliance now.		About the Standards	2
6.	What do I need to know? – Definitions	Child Abuse is not limited to sexual abuse. Adopting a harm-based perspective will help your organisation to be proactive in identifying and preventing more serious abuse		About the Standards	1
7.	What are the standards	There are 7 Standards. Organisations need to meet all 7.	This slide is the majority of your presentation. Ensure you have examples ready that are relevant to your sport.	Tips to help you meet the standards (Vicsport)	10

8.	How does this apply to me? – Strategies to consider	Clubs needs to be taking steps to meet the Standards already.	Practical tips included in the notes section of the PPT	Tips to help you meet the standards (Vicsport)	2
9.	Compliance – Commission for Children and Young People	Organisations are legally required to comply with the Standards. CCYP are initially taking a supportive approach to compliance.	Further information about compliance is being provided by CCYP on an ongoing basis. Ensure you review the CCYP website prior to your presentation: <a href="https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safety/being-a-child-safe-organisation/the-child-safe-standards/enforcing-the-standards/">https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safety/being-a-child-safe-organisation/the-child-safe-standards/enforcing-the-standards/</a>	<a href="#">Becoming Child Safe Compliant</a> (CCYP)	2
10.	Reporting	Important to have a simple and clear process understood by both adults and children	Some of the reporting process may be outlined in Member Protection Policies however sporting organisations should ensure they review this.	Insert your organisations relevant Member Protection Policy  Reportable Conduct Scheme <a href="https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/reportable-conduct-scheme/about-the-reportable-conduct-scheme/">https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/reportable-conduct-scheme/about-the-reportable-conduct-scheme/</a>	2
11.	Our Approach	Informing the audience about your organisations approach to meeting the Child Safe Standards	Insert an outline of what your organisation is doing to meet the standards and how you are going to help your members (i.e. resources available, information available)		2
12.	Resources Available – Vicsport	Vicsport has developed and adapted a number of resources for sporting organisations to use in their progress through meeting the Child Safe Standards. More resources are being developed throughout 2017/18	Organisations that choose to use the resources should ensure they review and appropriately adapt them for use. Legal assistance may be required in some cases.	<a href="https://vicsport.com.au/child-safe-standards">https://vicsport.com.au/child-safe-standards</a>	2
13.	Resources Available – Our Organisation		Insert information on any resources that your organisation may have available for members to utilise		2

14.	Support	You are not alone – there are a number of organisations that can assist you in meeting the standards.	Clubs/Assoc/Leagues should contact their Sport first prior to contacting Vicsport for assistance.	Contact details for key organisations.	1
15.	What are my next steps	Get started now! Take action to meet the standards.	Encourage attendees to adapt and strengthen what they already have in place first. Build child safe practices into current strategies so that it becomes part of the “everyday”.		3
16.	Remember...	Get started now! Take action to meet the standards.			1