

Beaumaris Soccer Club Child Safety Policy

All children have the right to feel safe and be safe, but safety does not just happen. We all have an obligation to do the best we can to keep children safe from harm and abuse.

Victoria's Child Safe Standards (the Standards) began in Victoria in January 2016. They are a set of mandatory requirements that ensure organisations have systems, policies, and practices in place to keep children safe from abuse and harm in organisational settings.

The Standards aim to promote the safety of children, prevent child abuse, and ensure organisations have effective processes in place to respond to and report all allegations of child abuse. The Standards work by:

- driving change in our culture by embedding child safety in our thinking and practice
- providing a minimum standard of child safety
- highlighting that we all have a role to keep children safe from abuse.

The **National Principles for Child Safe Organisations** are detailed below:



The key components of the Beaumaris Soccer Club Child Safety Standard are:

1. Culture of Child Safety:

BSC is committed to establishing a culture where child safety is paramount and embedded in all aspects of what we do.

2. Child Participation:

Empowering children and young people to participate in decisions that affect them.

3. Family and Community Involvement:

Engaging families and volunteers in promoting child safety.

4. Suitable Staff and Volunteers:

Ensuring that people working with children are suitable and supported in reflecting child safety values.

5. Clear Policies and Procedures:

Documenting policies and procedures that address child safety and wellbeing.

6. Reporting and Response:

Establishing a clear process for reporting concerns and complaints, ensuring a child-focused response.

7. Training and Awareness:

Providing ongoing education and training to staff and volunteers on child safety and wellbeing.

8. Physical and Online Safety:

Ensuring the club's environment is safe for children.

9. Regular Review:

Continuously reviewing and improving implementation of our Child Safe Standards.

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