

The Child Safe Standards for sport and recreation

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Free Resources

Child Safe Sport [eLearning](#):

- Make sure that you do the “Sport” eLearning. The other eLearning courses aren't relevant to sport.
- Module 1: Suitable for everyone, including parents.
 - Only 30 minutes with lots of videos and animations.
 - Goes through the basics like why following rules is so important.
- Modules 2 to 5: Suitable for committee members, leaders and managers.
 - Module 2 covers leadership and club policies.
 - Module 3 covers creating a club child safe risk management plan.
 - Module 4 will cover people management including recruitment, induction, volunteers and parents.
 - Module 5 will cover reporting and incident management.
 - Goes into greater depth including developing the rules that members should follow.

Child Safe Standards [Handbooks](#):

- The eLearning is the best place to start, but if you need more information and detail, the handbooks are a deeper dive.
- Topics include Code of Conduct, Risk Management, Reporting, Recruitment, Empowerment

of Children.

- We also have templates for Working with Children Check [record keeping](#).

Child Safe [Videos](#):

- Videos developed with the Office of Sport to help sports clubs with the 10 Child Safe Standards

Child Safety Poster Templates:

- Child safety poster templates for:
 - [adults, older children, younger children](#).
 - 10 Child Safe Standards [editable poster](#).
 - Use these, design your own, or get your junior players to design a poster for themselves.

Actions you can take

- Consult your peak body's website to see what child safeguarding policies have already been developed.
- Complete the Child Safe Sport eLearning. Make sure other committee members and leaders complete the eLearning. Encourage parents and members to complete Module 1 of the eLearning.
- Using your knowledge from Module 3, start to consider what child safety risks are present at your organisation. Some risks are universal, but others will be unique to what you do and how you do it. Take into account your club's strengths and weaknesses when considering child safety.
- After considering the risks and finding ways to reduce that risk you will be able to develop your own club rules to sit alongside your state/national policies. If you need to develop all of your policies yourself, the risk process will help you produce effective policies.
- Start talking to children. Find out if they feel safe or what you can do to make them feel safer. This includes player behaviour, coaches and managers, match officials and adults on the sideline.
- If you don't already have one, consider nominating someone to complete [MPIO training](#).
- Watch the [recording of the Child Safe Self-Assessment webinar](#) and then [complete the self-assessment](#).

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