



# ACT Child Safe Standards: What Managers and Leaders need to know!

**A Child Safe Organisation is one where children and young people feel safe and are safe.**

Leaders in child safe organisations need to understand the important role they play in setting expectations for their workers, to protect the rights, safety, and wellbeing of children and young people. When Leaders model the attitudes and behaviours that uphold the rights, safety, and wellbeing of children and young people, staff and volunteers learn what is required to support their organisation to build a child safe culture.

There are 10 Child Safe Standards that are interconnected, and together help to create environments in which children and young people can feel safe and be safe.

As a Leader, you need to know what the Standards are and set the direction for your organisation to implement them.

Being a child safe organisation is a collective effort and everyone in your organisation needs to work together. Staff and volunteers at any level and in any role may have ideas about how the organisation can improve. Listen to your staff and volunteers about what they think the organisation can do better or differently.

Encourage open discussions about how the Standards are being implemented, and the role you will play to create an environment where children and young people can exercise their rights, and participate in how your service is being designed and delivered for them.

All organisations are different, and the Standards can be implemented in a flexible way based on its risk profile and priorities. As a Leader, your staff and volunteers will look to you to help them get started.

Being a child safe organisation starts with you. **ACT** Child Safe.



For more information and resources on the ACT Child Safe Standards:

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