

Child Safe Workshop:

Knowing When To Act

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Areas to be Covered

- *Update on the Child Safe Standards*
- *Resources Available for Centres*
- *Discussion: What has or hasn't worked for your Centre*
- *Case Studies to work through*

Update on Child Safe Standards



- The Victorian Government has undertaken a review of the Child Safe Standards and the regulatory scheme that supports the Standards, to ensure that they are as strong as possible.
- An issues paper was published on the Engage Victoria website to seek stakeholder feedback to inform the review.
<https://engage.vic.gov.au/victorian-child-safe-standards-review>

- The Consultation process opened December 2018, closed February 2019 with the final report due later this month.
 - Stay tuned for more.....

Resources available for Centres



- <https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safety/> The Commissioner for Children & Young People
- <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/publications/child-safe-standards> Department of Health & Human Services
- <https://www.communitydirectors.com.au/chilsafetytoolkit> 67 page Child Safe Toolkit put together by Moores legal firm for the Institute of Community Directors, this is a fantastic and comprehensive resource.
- <https://bravehearts.org.au/>
- <http://lavic.com.au/Resources/Child-Safety-Protection> Section of LAVIC website dedicated to Child Safety includes posters for display at your Centre

Centre Obligations via Affiliation



- National Policy should be available on Centre website
<http://www.lavic.com.au/Portals/43/Documents/2018/Admin/LAA%20National%20Child%20Protection%20Policy%20-%20June%202018.pdf>
- Child Safe Code of Conduct should be read/signed and submitted by all Committee Members and Coaches
<http://www.lavic.com.au/Portals/43/Documents/2017/Policy/LAVic%20Child%20Safe%20Code-of%20Conduct%20v1-2.pdf>
- Child Safety Officers at every Centre (minimum of 2)
- Child Safe is on the agenda at all Committee meetings & minuted (even if there is nil to report this should be noted).
- LAVIC policy for Working With Children Checks must be followed
<http://www.lavic.com.au/Resources/Child-Safety-Protection/Working-With-Children-Check>