



## Victoria's Child Safe Standards

Victorian law requires organisations that work with children to meet the Victorian Child Safe Standards as of 1 January 2017.

### The Standards

The seven standards are:

1. Strategies to embed an organisational **culture of child safety**, including through effective leadership arrangements
2. A **child safe policy** or statement of commitment to child safety
3. A **code of conduct** that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children
4. Screening, supervision, training and other **human resources practices** that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel
5. Processes for **responding to and reporting** suspected child abuse
6. Strategies to **identify and reduce or remove risks** of child abuse
7. Strategies to promote the **participation and empowerment of children.**

### The Principles of Application

These seven Standards must be applied in a manner that promotes:

1. The cultural safety of **Aboriginal children**
2. The cultural safety of **children from a culturally and/or linguistically diverse background**
3. The safety of **children with a disability**