



Safeguarding Children and Young People

SANFL Club Development Day

February [2020]

Objectives of session

- How do we keep children and young people safe within the sporting community
- How to support children and young people
- What to do when you have a concern



Agenda

- What is safeguarding?
- Why do we safeguard children and young people?
- How do we safeguard children and young people?
- Managing disclosures/making a report



What is Safeguarding Children and Young People?

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and young people and protect them from harm

Every 15 minutes a child is abused in Australia.

The rates of child abuse are increasing every year.

And these are only the number of reported cases.

In 2018, **1,649,178** children participated in an AFL program or competition.

Safeguarding Children and Young People within the Sporting Community

- The establishment of a national Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (RC)
- The RC investigated how sporting clubs have responded to allegations and instances of Child Sexual Abuse
- To create a 'safer future for all children'
- Organisations are responsible 'regardless of where or when the abuse took place'



Why do we Safeguard Children and Young People?

- Children have the right to relax, play and to join in a wide range of leisure activities
- Every child has the right to feel and be safe
- We have a duty of care to protect children and young people from harm
- All organisations concerned with children should work towards what is best for each child



Safeguarding Policies

- A **Code of Conduct** identifies acceptable and unacceptable behaviours towards children and young people
- A Safeguarding **Policy** identifies key areas of risk and best practice throughout the organisation



Some Areas of High Risk In Sport Include...

- Change rooms
- Technology/Photography
- Physical contact
- Camps
- Transportation



Responding to Disclosures



LISTEN.
REASSURE.
RESPECT.



-  Actively listen to the Child or Young Person
-  Be patient and ask open ended questions
-  Explain that other people may need to be told
-  Reassure them

If a Child or Young Person is at imminent risk of harm or in immediate danger call '000'

See Something Say Something

**See
something,
say
something.**

**To make a report
that relates to:**

- Sexual offences/misconduct
- Grooming
- Psychological/emotional harm
- Physical violence
- Neglect
- Bullying

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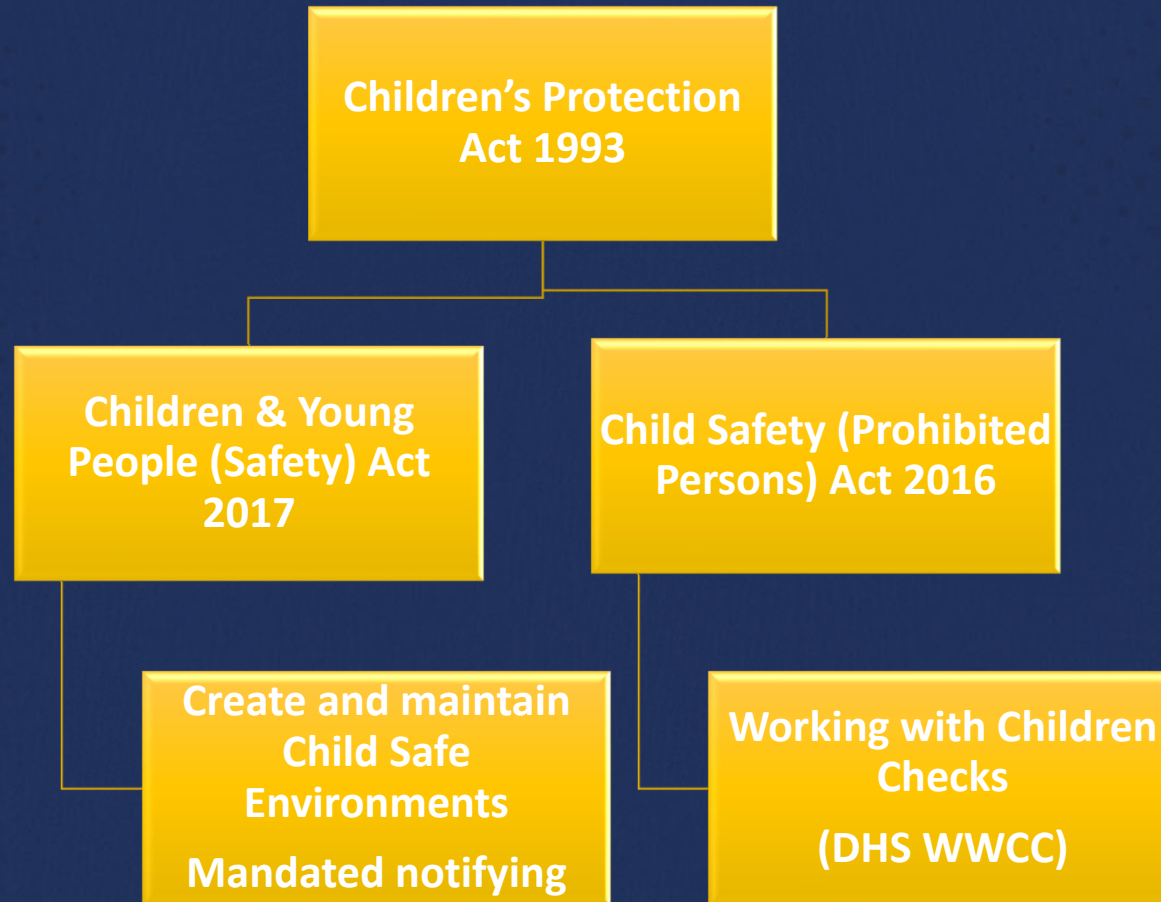


SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE IN SA

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WHAT IS THE SA LAW



WHO NEEDS A WWCC?



ALL employees and volunteers of sport and recreation clubs and associations where there are “services or activities provided in the course of the operation of clubs and associations with a significant membership of, or involvement by, children”, regardless of whether or not they actually work with children or have any contact with children”.



A member of SAPOL or AFP

Service is provided on less than 7 occasions

Parents with a child in the activity (this has several exceptions*)

* Parent / Guardian exemption does not form part of SANFL WWCC policy for clubs. SANFL policy requires all volunteer parents/guardians to hold a WWCC.



LAW

Lodge a Compliance Statement

Working with Children Checks

Register WWCC's with DHS online

Mandated reporting

POLICY

Member Protection Policy

Safeguarding Children & Young People Procedures

Suitable volunteers appointed, inducted, and trained

PRACTICE

Appoint a Child Safe Officer - Find your champion!

Develop / adopt club policies and procedures

Engage Children & Young People In Decision Making

Use free resources from ORSR and AFL





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