



# Victorian Soaring Association

## Child Safety Statement of Commitment

The Victorian Soaring Association is committed to promoting our clubs as being child-safe with zero tolerance for child abuse.

We aim to create a culture of child safety that reduces the opportunity for harm and gives all members of the association a clear process to follow when someone raises concerns about child safety or reports abuse.

Our Child Safe Statement of Commitment applies to all Victorian gliding clubs and their volunteers.

### **Statement of Commitment to the Child Safe Standards**

The VSA is committed to the safety and well-being of children and, as such, is committed to providing information to clubs about creating a child safe organisation.

We have zero tolerance of child abuse and are committed to actively contributing to a child safe organisation where children are protected from abuse.

Our commitment to the safety of children is based on our duty of care and responsibilities to children and always acting in the best interests of children.

Our commitment will be enacted through the implementation and monitoring of the Child Safe Standards, as specified under the Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Child Safe Standards) Act 2015.

### **Our commitment to Children**

The VSA is committed to ensuring children feel safe, empowered and are taken seriously if they raise concerns in relation to their safety and well-being.

We value and support diversity, inclusion and equality. In acknowledgment of the particular vulnerabilities of these groups of children, and in accordance with the Child Safe Standards, we particularly support:

- the cultural safety of Indigenous Australian children and children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- the participation and empowerment of children with a disability, Indigenous Australian children and children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

### **Our commitment to a Child Safe Organisation for all Club Members and Volunteers**

The VSA is committed to facilitate that all Victorian Soaring Association club members and volunteers are provided with the necessary support to fulfil their obligations in relation to child safety.



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We encourage all association club members and volunteers who work with children have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) if required, and advertise that all clubs display the Child Safe Statement of Commitment within their precincts.

All VSA members and volunteers must abide by the Victorian Soaring Association Code of Conduct which specifies the standard of conduct required when working with children.

### **Reporting**

All allegations and concerns in relation to children's safety will be taken seriously and will be investigated fairly and appropriately.

The organisation supports and encourages all association club members and volunteers to proactively report any behaviour deemed to be endangering the safety of children.

Reportable incidents and complaints are notified to the relevant authority (Child First, Child Protection or police).

### **Scope**

This Statement of Commitment applies to all association members and volunteers and any person directly dealing with children in the sport of gliding irrespective of their specific involvement in child related duties.

### **Review**

This statement will be reviewed following any changes to legislation or policy.