

Sample Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

A statement of commitment should outline the organisation's commitment to child safety and clearly state that the organisation has 'zero tolerance' for child abuse. The statement should also outline the organisation's commitment to acting in the best interests of children and young people, keeping them safe from harm, and empowering them as active participants in the organisation.

A statement of commitment should include, but is not limited to, the following elements:

- The moral and legal responsibility to ensure the safety of children and young people involved with the organisation;
- Commitment to the empowerment of children and young people;
- Commitment to early intervention, ongoing risk assessment and management, and continuous improvement;
- Commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of particularly vulnerable children and young people, including but not limited to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people, children and young people with disabilities, children and young people from culturally and/or linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds, LGBTBIQ children and young people, and those who are unable to live with their families.
- Commitment to responding to concerns of child abuse and neglect in a robust, timely and child-focused manner.

