



New South Wales Child Safe Scheme



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How to read this book

We wrote this book in an easy to read way.
We use pictures to explain some ideas.



You can ask someone to help you read it.

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word:

**hard word
is in blue**

- the hard word is in **blue**
- we write what the hard word means.




In this book, '**we**' means the **Office of the Children's Guardian**.

The **Office of the Children's Guardian** is a government office.

The New South Wales Child Safe Scheme

There are laws that say all kids and young people should be safe.



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

So the New South Wales Government has made a **Child Safe Scheme**. We call it the **scheme**.

The **scheme** is like a plan that must be done by law.

The scheme tells **child safe organisations** what they must do to keep kids and young people safe.



Child safe organisations are places that look after kids and young people or have activities for kids.

They can be:

- places that look after very young kids
- schools
- hospitals
- sports clubs, art classes or camps for kids.

We are in charge of making sure child safe organisations follow the scheme.



We can act if a child safe organisation is not following the scheme.

This may mean telling them that they must do something differently.



Or this may mean giving them a fine.

The Child Safe Standards

The Child Safe **Standards** are part of the scheme.



Standards tell us how to do things and if something is good enough.

The standards are about keeping kids safe by:



- stopping chances for abuse to happen
- knowing how to spot **child abuse**



Child abuse is treating a child badly with actions or words. A child is a kid under 18 years old.



- knowing how to act when a kid is unsafe
- making sure kids or adults can speak up when they are worried or when something bad happens.

The standards are important for child safe organisations because they help them:



- think about kids' safety every day
- always put kids' safety first
- make sure they do everything they can to stop abuse



- create a safe place for kids
- act seriously if there are worries for a kid's safety.

There are 10 Child Safe Standards. You can read more about them at ocg.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-scheme/what-are-child-safe-standards



Contact

If you want to find out more, you can:



- go to our website
www.ocg.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-scheme



- call us on 02 8219 3600



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