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Whittlesea Community Connections (WCC) prioritises children and young people’s safety and wellbeing with zero tolerance for child abuse. Our mandatory child safe training across the organisation ensures everyone is committed to this mission. We actively listen to and empower children and young people’s voices, enabling them to thrive. Our compliance with the Victorian Child Safe Standards and applicable legislative schemes ensures robust systems are in place to protect children from abuse, where we address and respond to allegations promptly and in line with our policies and guidelines and legislative requirements. We promote cultural safety through the provision of safe environments for those who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, culturally and/or linguistically diverse, living with a disability, neuro-diverse and LGBTQIA+.

Related documents

Related procedures, guidelines, forms etc.	Working with Children and Young People Guidelines 2023 Child Safe - Record of Disclosure Form
Related frameworks	Child Safe Standards Framework 2023 (Vic) Advocacy Framework Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management Framework
Related policies	Advocacy Policy Code of Ethics Policy Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) Policy Children and Young People Safety and Wellbeing Policy Complaints and Feedback Policy
Relevant legislation or standards	<i>Crimes Act 1958 (Vic)</i> <i>Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 (Vic)</i> <i>Child Safe Standards 2022 (Vic)</i> <i>Children Youth and Families Act 2005 (Vic)</i> DFFH Child Safe Standards Compliance Assessment Model 2018 DFFH Child Safe Standards Compliance Monitoring Framework 2018-2019 <i>Family Violence Protection Act 2008 (Vic)</i> <i>Fair Work Act 2009 (Vic)</i> <i>Health Records Act 2001 (Vic)</i> <i>Legal Profession Uniform Law Australian Solicitors' Conduct Rules 2015</i> <i>Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic)</i> <i>Family Violence Protection Act 2008 (Vic)</i> <i>Worker Screening Act 2020 (Vic)</i>
Other resources	Commission for Children & Young People Department, Families, Fairness and Housing (Vic)

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