



Sandringham Soccer Club

Child Safe Code of Conduct

If you believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse phone 000.

This Code of Conduct outlines appropriate standards of behaviour by adults towards children. The Code of Conduct aims to protect children and reduce any opportunities for abuse or harm to occur. It also helps all adults on how to best support children and how to avoid or better manage difficult situations. This Code of Conduct applies to all people involved in all Club activities.

We are all responsible for promoting the safety and wellbeing of children and young people by:

- Adhering to our Child Safe Policy, this Code of Conduct and other policies
- Taking all reasonable steps to protect children from abuse
- Treating everyone with respect, including listening to and valuing their ideas and opinions
- Welcoming all children and their families and carers and being inclusive
- Respecting cultural, religious and political differences and acting in a culturally sensitive way
- Being respectful of those with a disability
- Modelling appropriate adult behaviour
- Listening to children and responding to them appropriately
- Report and act on any breaches or concerns and treating them seriously and respectfully.
- Complying with our guidelines on physical contact with children
- Working with children in an open and transparent way – other adults should always know about the work you are doing with children
- Respecting the privacy of children and families, only disclosing information to people who have a need to know.
- Speaking up if we hear, feel or see something – be an active bystander.

We MUST NOT:

- Seek to use children in any way to meet the needs of adults
- Ignore or disregard any concerns, suspicions or disclosures of child abuse
- Use prejudice, oppressive behaviour or language with children
- Discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, culture, vulnerability or sexuality
- Initiate unnecessary physical contact with children or do things of a personal nature that children can do for themselves, such as toileting or changing clothes
- Enter a room, toilet or space alone with children and young people whereby you will be conducting things of a personal nature, such as toileting or changing clothes
- Develop 'special' relationships with specific children or show favouritism through gifts or attention
- Exchange personal contact details including social networks or email addresses with children
- Have unauthorised contact with children and young people online or by phone.

You acknowledge your responsibility to abide by this Code and immediately report any breach of this code to the Club Child Safety Officer.