

Child Safe Environment Compliance

For Sport and Recreation Organisations

A requirement since 2011, organisations providing a service wholly or partly for children (under 18), are required to lodge a child safe environment compliance statement to indicate it is meeting the obligations for a child safe environment according to the *Children's Protection Act 1993*. The statement is lodged with the Department for Education and Child Development (Families SA).

This statement requires the organisation to show its commitment to creating and maintaining a child safe environment. The majority of State sport and recreation organisations have lodged this statement on behalf of their affiliated clubs and associations. Therefore many clubs that are affiliated with a State organisation **DO NOT** need to lodge a statement but must still ensure they are aware of the responsibilities that apply to them.

All organisations that are affiliated with a State association or a similar governing body should contact them to discuss their obligations.

Clubs or organisations that do not have a governing body or their governing body has not lodged a compliance statement as a representative body on their behalf **WILL NEED** to lodge a compliance statement.

If an organisation has not done this or does not have a representative body that has done this on its behalf then this can be lodged at www.families.sa.gov.au/childsafes.

This lodgement is free and can be completed as an online survey. If an organisation is able to answer YES to each question, where applicable, then this need only be completed once. Penalties may apply for organisations that do not meet this requirement.

Checklist for organisations providing services to children:

1. Has the organisation lodged a child safe environment compliance statement?
 - YES**, there is no need to lodge a further statement, go to question 3
 - NO**, if the organisation has a governing body go to question 2
 - UNSURE**, go to question 2 or email decdochilddsafe@sa.gov.au
2. Has the governing body/state association lodged a child safe environment compliance statement on the organisations behalf?
 - YES**, go to question 3
 - NO**, the organisation is required to lodge its own compliance statement
 - UNSURE**, speak to the governing body and then go to question 3
3. Is the Organisation's board aware of the requirements for creating and maintaining a child safe environment as required by law?
 - YES**
 - NO**, for further information please visit the following websites;

www.ors.sa.gov.au/create_a_child_safe_environment

www.families.sa.gov.au/childsafes

For further information:

Telephone: 8457 1408



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