



CHILD SAFE STANDARDS FOR YOUTH

The 10 Child Safe Standards are the minimum expectations set for child-safe organisations in Australia. In NSW, they are codified within the *Children's Guardian Act 2019*. Scouts NSW takes these standards seriously and use them to shape our approach to our activities, events and training for all members who form part of this fantastic Movement.

This guide is for all members and is a handy quick reference to the 10 Child Safe Standards. It sets out how Scouts NSW works to keep you safe and secure while enjoying the activities and events that make Scouting great.

1. Safety is our Top Priority

What This Means: Our Leaders and everyone involved make sure that your safety is always the main focus.

How It Works: Leaders create rules and plans to keep activities safe and fun for you.

2. Your Voice Matters

What This Means: Your opinions and ideas are important, and we want to hear them.

How It Works: You can share your thoughts during meetings or activities, and Leaders will listen and take them seriously.

3. Family and Community Involvement

What This Means: We work together with your families and the community to keep you safe.

How It Works: Families are kept informed about what's happening in Scouts and can help support safety measures.

4. Respect for Everyone

What This Means: Everyone is treated fairly and we respect your unique needs.

How It Works: Leaders make sure activities are inclusive and respect everyone's differences.

5. Trained and Trusted Leaders

What This Means: All Leaders are carefully chosen and trained to work with youth.

How It Works: Leaders go through checks and training to ensure they know how to keep you safe.

6. Clear Reporting Process

What This Means: If something feels wrong or unsafe, there are clear steps to report it.

How It Works: We have simple ways for you to report any worries or issues and they will be taken seriously.





7. Ongoing Education and Training

What This Means: Leaders keep learning about how to protect and support you.

How It works: Regular training sessions help Leaders stay up to date on the best ways to keep you safe.

8. Safe Physical and Online Space

What This Means: We make sure that both in-person and online activities are secure.

How It Works: Leaders set up safe environments for meetings and online interactions with rules to protect you.

9. Regular Reviews and Improvements

What This Means: We regularly check how well we're doing and make improvements.

How It Works: Leaders review safety practices often and make changes if needed to keep things safe.

10. Clear Policies and Procedures

What This Means: There are clear guidelines on how we ensure your safety.

How It Works: Leaders follow written policies that outline how to maintain a safe environment for you.

Quick Tips for Staying Safe in Scouts

- **Be Open:** Always feel free to talk about how you're feeling.
- **Know the Signs:** If something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't.
- **Trust Leaders:** They're here to help and protect you.
- **Stay Informed:** Pay attention during safety talks and training.
- **Speak Up:** Your voice is powerful and important.

Remember, Scouts is a place where you should always feel safe, supported, and respected. If you ever feel uncomfortable or unsafe, please reach out to a Leader or trusted adult. Your safety and happiness are what matter most!

