# Child Safe Incident report

The child safe standards require organisations that provide services for children<sup>1</sup> to have processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse.<sup>2</sup> You can provide this resource to a child or their family if they disclose an allegation of abuse or safety concern in your organisation. Your staff can also use this resource to record disclosures.

All incident reports must be stored securely. <u>Child Safe Incident report - Appendix 1 to Policy - Filed as per retention</u> requirements SMART Records process. - Business Manager

#### **Incident details**

Date of incident:	
Time of incident:	
Location of incident:	
Name(s) of child/children involved:	
Name(s) of staff/volunteer involved:	

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

### Does the child identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

N	o

(Mark with an 'X' as applicable) Yes, Aboriginal

Yes, Torres Strait Islander



#### Please categorise the incident

**Physical violence** 

Sexual offence

Serious emotional or psychological abuse

Serious neglect

# Please describe the incident

When did it take place?	
Who was involved?	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For a list of the organisations in scope for the child safe standards, please see the Department of Health and Human Services website: </www.dhs.vic.gov.au/about-the-department/documents-and-resources/policies,-guidelines-and-legislation/in-scope-organisations-for-child-safe-standards>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The child safe standards aim to protect children from abuse in organisations, including physical violence, sexual offences, serious emotional or psychological abuse and serious neglect. For further explanation of the different types of child abuse, please see see <u>An Overview of the Victorian child safe standards</u>: <<a href="https://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/\_\_data/assets/word\_doc/0005/955598/Child-safe-standards\_overview.doc">www.dhs.vic.gov.au/\_\_data/assets/word\_doc/0005/955598/Child-safe-standards\_overview.doc</a>.

What did you see?	
Other information	

#### Parent/carer/child use

Date of incident:	
Time of incident:	
Location of incident:	
Name(s) of child/children involved:	
Name(s) of staff/volunteer involved:	

#### Office use:

Date incident report received:	
Staff member managing incident:	
Follow-up date:	
Incident ref. number:	

### Has the incident been reported?

Child protection	
Police	
Another third party (please specify):	

# Incident reporter wishes to remain anonymous?

(Mark with an 'X' as applicable)

Yes

No

#### Further information

Further information on child safe standards can be found on the Department of Health and Human Services' website <www.dhs.vic.gov.au/about-the-department/plans,-programs-and-projects/projects-and-initiatives/children,-youth-and-family-services/creatingchild-safe-organisations>.

Additional resources for organisations in the child safe standards toolkit can be found on the Department of Health and Human Services website: <www.dhs.vic.gov.au/about-the-department/documents-and-resources/policies,-guidelines-and-legislation/child-safe-standards>. In particular, <u>An Overview to the Victorian child safe standards</u>, has information to help organisations understand the requirements of each of the child safe standards, including examples of measures organisations can put in place, a self-audit tool and a glossary of key terms: <www.dhs.vic.gov.au/\_\_data/assets/word\_doc/0005/955598/Child-safe-standards\_overview.doc>

Note for registered schools: a forthcoming Ministerial Order under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 will contain the minimum actions that schools must take to meet each of the child safe standards. There will be a lead in time before regulation will commence to allow schools time to prepare. The Department of Education and Training and the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority will provide information and materials specifically for schools to assist with capacity building and compliance.

Registered schools can contact the Department of Education and Training: <u>child.safe.schools@edumail.vic.gov.au</u> Early childhood services operating under the National Quality Framework or Children's Services Act 1996 should contact:

licensed childrens.services@edumail.vic.gov.au Licensed children's services enquiry line: 1300 307 415