

Keeping Kids Safe

Statement of Intent

All children have the right to be safe from harm, everywhere, anytime. **The safety and well-being of children is Children Health Queensland's (CHQ) highest priority.** Aligning with our commitment to delivering the best care **we are committed to creating a child safe environment for all children and young people who interact with our services.**

CHQ's principles for delivering on this commitment:

1. All children and young people have the right to be safe from harm, everywhere, anytime.
2. Safety and wellbeing of children and young people is our highest priority.
3. We create a safe environment for children and young people who use or come into contact with our services.
4. Children and young people are empowered to have a voice and participate in decisions and processes that affect them.
5. We take a connected approach to create a holistic child safe organisation.
6. Our organisational policies and practices provide the framework for a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to keeping children and young people safe.
7. Our values of Respect, Integrity, Care and Imagination guide our commitment to person centred care and places the safety and wellbeing of children and young people at the heart of all that we do.
8. Our leaders promote and act as role models in applying child safe organisation principles, practices and culture.
9. We value difference and recognise the diverse needs of our children, young people and their families and commit to high quality health care which prioritises diverse physical, cultural, emotional, spiritual and individual needs.
10. All staff, volunteers, students and service providers understand the role they play to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.
11. We are committed to *CHQ's Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy* and *CHQ's Code of Conduct for interacting with children* and will deal with any breaches in a timely manner.

Keeping Kids Safe: CHQ's Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy and CHQ's Code of Conduct for interacting with children provides a clear and consistent approach to guide and support those who work and volunteer and those who interact with our services.

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