

Child Safe Standards by Jurisdiction

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National	<p>The National Principles for Child Safe Organisations (National Principles) are the guiding Principles developed from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.</p> <p><i>All state and territory governments are responsible for implementation in their state or territory.</i></p> <p>The Commonwealth Child Safe Framework Policy was developed to set minimum standards for Commonwealth entities to adhere to regarding the protection of children and young people.</p>	<p>National Principles for Child Safe Organisations National Office for Child Safety</p> <p>National Principles Child Safe Organisations Australian Human Rights Commission</p> <p>Commonwealth Child Safe Framework policy document National Office for Child Safety</p>
Australian Capital Territory	<p>As of 1 August 2024, it is mandatory for all organisations that provide services to children and young people to commence implementing the ACT Child Safe Standards Scheme.</p>	<p>ACT Child Safe Standards Scheme - ACT Human Rights Commission</p>
New South Wales	<p>As of February 2022, all child-related organisations in NSW must implement the Child Safe Standards as part of the Child Safe Scheme. NSW Health, as a prescribed agency, has introduced a Child Safety Action Plan (CSAP), which includes strategies to support related bodies such as Local Health Districts and affiliated health organisations.</p>	<p>NSW Health Child Safe Action Plan</p> <p>Child Safe Scheme Office of the Children's Guardian</p>

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Northern Territory	Working towards implementation – the Northern Territory Government has endorsed the National Principles, and organisations are required to adhere to current child safety requirements, .e.g. working with children checks and mandatory reporting.	Child Safe Organisations Office of the Children's Commissioner
Queensland	The new <i>Child Safe Organisations Act</i> will come into effect on 1 October 2025, with compliance requirements for health services in effect from 1 January 2026 (Phase 2).	Child Safe Standards Queensland Family and Child Commission Timeline Queensland Family and Child Commission
South Australia	Working towards implementation. Health organisations covered under SA Health, Local Health Networks (including state-wide services aligned with the LHNs), and SA Ambulance Service are required to adhere to the Child Safe Environments (Child Protection) Policy.	National principles for child safe organisations – Office of the Guardian for Children & Young People Child Safe Environments (Child Protection) Policy SA Health

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Tasmania	As of 1 January 2024, health services are required to comply with the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework and the Reportable Conduct Scheme, overseen by the Office of the Independent Regulator (OIR).	The Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework Office of the Independent Regulator Who must comply with the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework OIR
Victoria	As of 1 January 2023, all Victorian health organisations that provide services or facilities to children are required by law to comply with the Child Safe Standards. The Department of Health is the regulator for hospitals and community health services, including mental health, AOD, maternal and child health services.	Child Safe Standards Department of Health (Victoria) Child Safe Standards Commission for Children & Young People
Western Australia	Working towards implementation, including development of an independent oversight system for enforcement of the National Principles. Organisations are required to adhere to current child safety requirements, .e.g. working with children checks, the reportable conduct scheme	Child safe organisations WA Government Child Safe Organisations WA Commissioner for Children and Young People WA