

Child Safe Environments Compliance Statement

This document is a record of the Compliance Statement lodged with the Department of Human Services (DHS). It represents the organisation advising DHS that their organisation is meeting the minimum requirement of providing child safe environments.

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Lodged by

Organisation name: SEAFORD DISTRICT COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CENTRE INC

ABN: 85891607577

Incorporation no.: A21700

Type of service: Childcare/child minding

Organisation type: Single organisation

Your organisation has stated you provide a child safe environment to children and young people; and meet South Australian legislative and National Principles for Child Safe Organisations requirements by confirming the following statements:

Child Safe Environments statements

My organisation has a documented child safe environments policy that outlines our commitment to children's safety and wellbeing, with equity upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice. This policy is supported by procedures that are specific to the business and activities my organisation provides to children and young people.

My organisation communicates its child safe environments policy and procedures to all relevant people (such as staff, volunteers, members, families and children) and involves them in promoting child safety and wellbeing. My organisation will meet its legislative obligations to provide copies of the policies and procedures to any relevant person if requested.

My organisation actively encourages the participation and involvement of children and young people, where this is appropriate. This includes adopting a child rights-based approach to service delivery and empowering children to raise any matters that are concerning them. Children and young people are informed about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.

My organisation has a code of conduct for adults and, where applicable, children and young people that sets out expected standards of behaviour. Our Code of Conduct reflects how my organisation upholds equity and respect for diverse needs. This forms part of the child-focused processes my organisation has in place to

respond to complaints and concerns. This is supported by a procedure which outlines the steps we will take if someone breaches the code of conduct.

My organisation has a comprehensive procedure for recruiting suitable staff and volunteers to work with or around children to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.

My organisation has a policy and/or procedure in place to ensure that Working with Children Checks are undertaken as required by the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016. This includes outlining the way our organisation will ensure any person who works with children or undertakes child-related work is not a prohibited person (also ensuring those persons excluded from the requirement to have a check are not prohibited persons). The policy/procedure also includes providing the Department of Human Services Screening Unit with details of each person in our organisation who works with children or undertakes child-related work and advising the Unit where the organisation becomes aware of certain information.

My organisation ensures that a Working with Children Check has been conducted for each employee, volunteer, contractor, who is, or will be, working with children or undertaking child-related work, as required by the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016 (unless an exclusion applies).

My organisation provides ongoing training and development opportunities for staff and volunteers to maintain their knowledge of child safe environments and competency to recognise and respond to children and young people at risk of harm.

Staff and volunteers are actively supported and supervised by my organisation so that their performance is developed and enhanced to promote the establishment and maintenance of child safe environments.

My organisation educates its staff and volunteers about their role and responsibilities to report and respond appropriately to children and young people who may be at risk of harm. My organisation has a policy and/or procedure regarding the making of appropriate reports of a reasonable belief that a child or young person may be at risk of harm to the Department for Child Protection via the Child Abuse Report Line (13 14 78).

My organisation has a documented risk management plan that identifies, assesses and takes steps to minimise and prevent risk of harm to children and young people because of the action or inaction of a person involved in the organisation (including an employee, volunteer or another child).

My organisation will review its child safe environments policy and procedures as required, or at least once in every 5-year period, and lodge a new compliance statement when each review is complete.

My organisation is aware that copies of our child safe environment related policies and/or procedures may be requested by the Department of Human Services at any time as part of an audit process and we will provide a copy of the requested documents within 7 days of request.

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