



Child Safe Organisations

Week 10

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Acknowledgement of Country

QTF respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands on which we gather, work and volunteer in across Queensland. We acknowledge their continuing connection to lands and waterways and pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples joining us today.





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Goal

Our club continues building safer sporting environments for children and young people, and we are getting better all the time.

- Regularly review, evaluate and improve your child safe practices
- Analyse complaints, concerns and safety incidents to identify possible gaps and areas for improvement
- Be transparent by reporting findings of any relevant reviews to staff, volunteers and your sporting community



What children and young people should be saying in our club

People at my club ask for my opinion on how to make the club better.

My family gets a say in improving the way things are run in the club.

I see my club makes positive changes to make us safer.

Why does continuous improvement matter?

- Touch football environments are constantly evolving (*venues, volunteers, and emerging risks*)
- Regular safety reviews ensure plans remain current and effective
- Engaging families through feedback and updates builds trust and confidence
- Reviewing incidents helps identify patterns and strengthen training (*focus on improvement, not just discipline*)
- Documented reviews support accountability and good governance
- Strong safety practices reflect the core value of teamwork

Remember:

- ❑ Child safety is a continuous process, not a one-off task
- ❑ Strong organisations learn, adapt and improve
- ❑ Everyone in your association plays a role



Review, evaluate & improve

What you should be doing:

- Annual policy review - Association, State and National policy
- Seasonal risk assessment (eg competitions, events, travel, finals) - add to risk register
- Committee reporting - standing agenda item for Safeguarding; includes discussion and action tasks, not “nothing to report”
- Evaluate current processes - are they working?
- Use feedback and data to inform decision making
- Adapt and improve policy and process as required
- Document everything



Analyse complaints, concerns and safety incidents

Identify possible gaps and areas for improvement



Actions:

- ❑ Collect and record all complaints, concerns and incidents
- ❑ Review information regularly (not just when something serious happens)
- ❑ Look beyond the individual issue to identify patterns
- ❑ Ask objectively: “What allowed this to happen?”

Identify gaps - look for:

- Missing or unclear policies
- Inconsistent rule enforcement
- Lack of supervision or structure
- Training or awareness gaps

Turn insights into action

- ❖ Update policies and procedures
- ❖ Improve training for coaches and volunteers
- ❖ Strengthen reporting and communication processes
- ❖ Monitor whether changes reduce future risks



Transparency with findings

To achieve transparency under Principle 9, touch football associations need to actively share what they learn from reviews and how they are improving child safety with their community.

1. Share what you review
2. Communicate key findings (in simple language)
3. Explain what will change
4. Share widely and regularly
5. Close the feedback loop
6. Protect privacy while being transparent
7. Embed it into governance

Share what you learn, what you're changing, and how it makes your environment safer.



Next Steps

Embed continuous improvement in your association



- Establish a regular review cycle – policies, procedures, feedback
- Establish a process for reviewing complaints/ concerns
- Plan how you will provide information to your community

Key messages:

- Child safety is not “set and forget”
- Sporting environments constantly change (new volunteers, formats, technology)
- Principle 9 ensures safety systems stay effective and strengthen environments over time
- Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility

The safest clubs are not the ones with no issues -
they are the ones that **identify, learn and improve quickly**

QUESTIONS?



WEEKLY ZOOM DROP IN - [CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)

Every Thursday - 10:00am-11.00am

Next session **Thursday 11 June 2026**

Zoom Drop In available for all Affiliate committees and/or staff seeking support with Child Safeguarding implementation



Resources

Supporting delivery



Resources

<https://qldtouch.com.au/child-safe-organisations-resources>

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

<https://qldtouch.com.au/child-safe-organisations-faqs/>





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