

Child Safe Environments Policy

Policy statement

Carers and Disability Link (CADL) are committed to providing a safe environment to all children and young people. Our policy complies with the Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017, the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016 and aligns with the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.

To do this CADL will:

- Adhere to the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations;
- Display a committed leadership and governance culture, adhering to the Code of Conduct;
- Create Child Safe and Wellbeing policy and procedures;
- Where possible have children and young people and their carers actively participate in CADL decisions and safety setting through regular communication and consultation;
- Include Child Safe Environments as a component in CADLs Risk Management Framework to provide safe physical and online environments for children and young people with a zero tolerance practice for risk or harm to children and young people;
- Respect diversity;
- Have a robust recruitment and worker screening policy and procedure for workers and independent contractors working with children and young people including Working With Children Checks under the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016;
- Have an effective complaints management policy and procedure for the rights of children and young people to feel safe and heard;
- Maintaining workers knowledge of the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations through Mandatory Training, adequate information, and instructions from CADL and ensure all workers can identify and report through the Child Abuse Reporting Line (CARL) for Mandatory Reporting;
- Reviewing Child Safe Environments annually or as updates occur to ensure CADL are operating at best practice;
- Seeking feedback from children and young people and their carers on the effectiveness of CADLs management of Child Safe Environments.

This policy relates to

- Aged Care Quality Standards
- National Standards for Disability Services
- Children and Young People Safety Act
- NDIS Practice Standards
- National Standards for Mental Health Services
- SA Psychological Rehabilitation Support Service Standards
- Service Excellent Standards
- Current Legislation



- Supporting Documents.