



SLSQ Statement of Commitment

Every person and organisation bound by this statement of commitment must always place the safety and welfare of children & youth above all other considerations.

Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) acknowledges that our staff and volunteers provide a valuable contribution to the positive experiences of our junior activities and youth members. SLSQ aims to ensure this continues, and to protect the safety and welfare of its young participants.

SLSQ further endeavours to provide a safe & supportive service environment for children and young people through the implementation of its Child & Youth Risk Management Strategy which includes several measures such as:

- Prohibiting any form of abuse against children;
- Providing opportunities for juniors/youth members to contribute to and provide feedback on our program development;
- Carefully selecting and screening people whose role requires them to have regular contact with children/youth.
- Ensuring our codes of conduct, particularly for roles associated with junior activities and junior sport, are promoted, enforced and reviewed;
- Providing procedures for raising concerns or complaints; and
- Providing education and/or information to those involved in lifesaving on child abuse and child protection.

SLSQ requires that any child who is abused or anyone who reasonably suspects that a child has been or is being abused by someone within our organisation, to report it immediately to the police or relevant government agency and, in the first instance, the club's nominated *Grievance Officer*.

All allegations of child abuse will be dealt with promptly, seriously, sensitively and confidentially. A person will not be victimised for reporting an allegation of child abuse and the privacy of all persons concerned will be respected.

If anyone bound by this statement of commitment reasonably suspects that a child is being abused by his or her parent/s, they are advised to contact the relevant government department for youth, family and community services in their state/territory.

SLSQ President

SLSQ CEO