

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

as a volunteer

All children and young people have the **right to be and feel safe.**

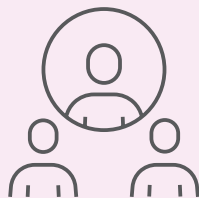
As adults, our job is to protect their health, wellbeing and human rights. This is called 'safeguarding'.

As a volunteer, you are an essential part of our department. You are expected to support our safeguarding efforts and here is how.

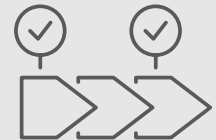
A child/young person is someone **under 18 years.**



Everyone is responsible for keeping children safe.



It is important that you **know what to do** if you are worried about a child/young person.



SAFEGUARDING
CHILDREN &
YOUNG
PEOPLE

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

Be ready – your safeguarding essentials

Registration to Work with Vulnerable People

You must have a current Tasmanian Registration to Work with Vulnerable People (RWVP).

You can apply online on the Department of Justice website.

Present your RWVP to your site contact person.

Learn more here:
justice.tas.gov.au/rwvp



Compulsory Safeguarding Training

You must complete our 15-minute Safeguarding Training video.

Provide your certificate to your site contact person.

Learn more here:

decyp.tas.gov.au/safe-children/safeguarding-children/safeguarding-training



Read key safeguarding policies

Safe. Secure. Supported. Our Safeguarding Framework

This Framework outlines our work to be a child safe organisation.

Learn more here:
decyp.tas.gov.au/safe-children/safeguarding-children/safeguarding-framework



Read our Conduct and Behaviour Policy and Standards

Our *Conduct and Behaviour Policy and Standards* outline the expected behaviours.

Learn more here:
decyp.tas.gov.au/about-us/policies-legislation-data/policies-human-resources-and-finance-policies



Worried about the safety of a child/young person?

As a volunteer, you are a mandatory reporter. This means you **must** report any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child/young person.

- If they are at immediate risk/it is an emergency, call 000.
- Otherwise, report your concerns to the Strong Families Safe Kids Advice and Referral Line on 1800 000 123 or by completing an online contact form via <https://strongfamiliesafekids.tas.gov.au>
- If you believe a crime may have occurred, also call the Tasmania Police non-emergency line on 131 444.
- Notify your DECYP site contact person about your concerns and the actions you have taken.



Concerned about a worker's behaviour around children?

Alongside reporting to the above agencies, raise your concern about a worker's behaviour via DECYP's Concern Notice.

Volunteers will need to work with their DECYP site contact person to access and complete this form.

If you are not comfortable with this, or your concern is about a worker in another organisation, you can report directly to the Office of the Independent Regulator via www.oir.tas.gov.au or 1800 754 728.



WHERE CAN I GET SUPPORT?

If you have questions about safeguarding, reach out to:

- your DECYP site contact person
- the Office of Safeguarding Children and Young People via safeguarding@decyp.tas.gov.au

If you or someone you know is affected by child abuse, free and confidential support services are available by phone, online or in-person.

Learn more via <https://tellsomeone.tas.gov.au/im-an-adult>





Complete safeguarding essentials before you volunteer.



Read our safeguarding, and conduct and behaviour policies.



Speak up and share any concerns about a child/young person.



Report concerns about a worker's behaviour towards children.



Know where you can get support.