

Assessing your organisation's compliance with the Child Safe Standards

Implementing the Child Safe Standards will look different for every organisation depending on its size, sector and the services it provides to children. There is no one-size-fits-all approach.

What does compliance look like?

The Child Safe Standards are outcomes-based. When assessing compliance, you should look for evidence that your organisation is actively working towards achieving the outcomes of each Standard. **This includes:**

Awareness and understanding of the Child Safe Standards

A child safe organisation understands the Child Safe Standards, why they are important, and how they apply to its work, staff, volunteers and interactions with children.

This might include evidence that:

- Staff receive child safety training.
- The Child Safe Standards are included in staff induction.
- Staff and leaders understand their responsibilities to keep children safe.

A commitment to continuous improvement

A child safe organisation regularly reviews and strengthens its policies, procedures and practices to ensure children's safety remains a priority across the organisation.

This might look like:

- Regular review of child safety policies and procedures.
- Ongoing child safety training.
- Monitoring progress against action plans.
- Using feedback from children, families and staff to improve child safe practices.

An active effort to embed the Child Safe Standards

A child safe organisation has assessed its existing policies, procedures and day-to-day practices against the Child Safe Standards and identified where improvements are needed.

This might include:

- Assessing existing policies, procedures and practices against each Standard.
- Identifying strengths, gaps and risks.
- Developing an action plan with clear priorities, responsibilities and timeframes.
- Demonstrating progress towards implementing identified improvements.

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