

# Victoria's new Child Safe Standards

## Plain language summary of changes

### What are the Child Safe Standards?

- New Child Safe Standards started in Victoria on 1 July 2022
- The Child Safe Standards (the Standards) first began in Victoria in January 2016.
- The Standards help keep children safe from abuse and harm.
- Since 1 July 2022, there are 11 new, stronger Child Safe Standards.
- Organisations working with children<sup>1</sup> must **comply** with the new Standards. **Comply** means that your organisation must have things in place to show that you follow and meet each Standard.
- The new Standards:
  - are clear
  - explain what you<sup>2</sup> must do
  - are more like the national standards.
- Your organisation may already do things to keep children safe from abuse and harm. This will help you to meet the new Standards.
- You will need to change or develop things to meet the new Standards.



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<sup>1</sup> “Children” means people under 18 years old.

<sup>2</sup> We use the word “you” when we are talking about “your organisation”.

## What is different?

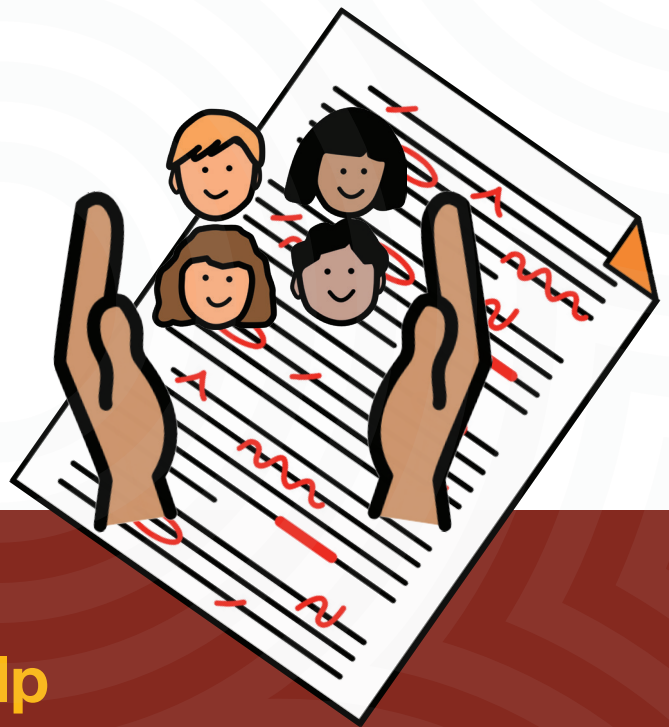
You need to:

- involve families and communities in your work
- focus on **cultural safety** for Aboriginal children. **Cultural safety** means that your organisation makes children feel welcome, safe, and supported to be themselves when they are with you
- keep children safe when they are online
- improve what you do to keep children safe from abuse and harm. Remember that abuse and harm can come from adults or other children.

This document is a summary of changes to the Child Safe Standards. It does not include the full wording of the Standards or all the things that you must do to comply. You can read the full text of the Standards and more information about how to comply on our [website](#).

## What you need to do

- Get to know the new Standards by reading:
    - [Short Guide to the Child Safe Standards](#)
    - [Guide for creating a Child Safe organisation](#)
    - [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- These are available in [other languages](#)
- Click [here](#) so we can send you information to help you to meet the new Standards
  - Start planning what you need to do.



## Where to get help

Child Safe Standards regulators can give you information to help you to meet the Standards.

You can find out about Child Safe Standards regulators [here](#).

You can contact the Commission by:



Telephone: 1300 782 978



Email: [contact@ccyp.vic.gov.au](mailto:contact@ccyp.vic.gov.au)



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