



Queensland Child Safe Standards

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What are the Child Safe Standards?

Three Components:



Key Compliance Dates:

- ✓ **1 January 2026:** Child Safe standards must be implemented
- ✓ **1 July 2026:** Reportable Conduct Scheme must be implemented

What your practice must do:

1. Implement the 10 Child Safe Standards by embedding child safety into:

- Governance and leadership
- Policies and procedures
- Staff training and supervision
- Recruitment and screening
- Risk management
- Complaint handling processes
- Child participation and feedback mechanisms



What your practice must do:

2. Apply the Universal Principle

Ensure cultural safety and wellbeing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.



What your practice must do:

3. Prepare for the Reportable Conduct Scheme by 1 July 2026

You must have processes to:

- Report allegations of harm involving workers or volunteers
- Investigate reportable conduct
- Notify the QFCC within required timeframes
- Maintain appropriate records

Reportable conduct may include sexual offences, sexual misconduct, ill-treatment, neglect, physical violence, or behaviour causing significant emotional or psychological harm. It does not require criminal charges and may occur outside work hours.



How to implement the standards:

Recommended starting points:

- Review current safeguarding policies
- Align practices to the 10 Child Safe Standards
- Update recruitment, screening and training processes
- Establish reportable conduct procedures (where required)
- Ensure executive oversight of child safety
- Be able to demonstrate implementation and regularly review child safety practices – not just maintain policies

There is no one-size-fits-all approach. Implementation will depend on organisational circumstances.

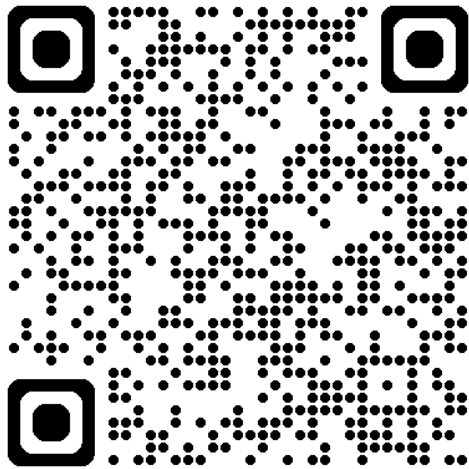


Child Safe Standards - General Practice Readiness Check



Information and Resources

QFCC's Resources and Implementation Guides



The 10 Child Safe Standards

