

What are the Child Safe Standards?

Queensland's Child Safe Organisations Act, governed by Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC), aims to protect Queensland children from harm when they interact with services.

These requirements apply to General Practices and Commissioned Services who may interact with children, even when children are not the primary client group (e.g. attending appointments). Organisations must implement:



The 10 Child Safe Standards creating environments that prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children (standards to *prevent* misconduct)



The Universal Principle ensuring cultural safety and wellbeing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children



The Reportable Conduct Scheme processes for reporting and responding to allegations of child abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers (how to *respond* if misconduct arises)

What Your Practice / Service Must Do

1. Implement the 10 Child Safe Standards by embedding child safety in:
 - o Governance and leadership
 - o Policies and procedures
 - o Staff training and supervision
 - o Recruitment and screening
 - o Risk management and complaints processes
 - o Child participation and feedback mechanisms
2. Apply the Universal Principle
Support cultural safety and wellbeing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.
3. Prepare for the Reportable Conduct Scheme
Establish processes to report, investigate and document allegations involving staff or volunteers and notify QFCC within required timeframes.



The head of the organisation (e.g. Practice Owner, Director, or CEO) holds legal responsibility for compliance.

Key Compliance Dates



1 January 2026
Child Safe Standards



1 July 2026
Reportable Conduct Scheme

Implementation Tips

- Review current safeguarding policies
- Align practices with the [10 Child Safe Standards](#)
- Update recruitment, screening and staff training processes
- Establish reportable conduct procedures
- Ensure executive oversight of child safety
- Demonstrate implementation and regularly review practices – not just maintain policies

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