

Child Safety

By the Australian Side Saddle Community.



Our Commitment:

The ASSC is committed to keeping children safe, respected, and supported in all our activities.



DO:

- Treat all children with respect and fairness
- Listen to their views and take them seriously
- Use positive, encouraging language
- Ensure another adult is present when with children
- Seek parental consent before photos/videos
- Report any concerns immediately



DO NOT:

- Engage in any form of abuse, neglect, or exploitation
- Be alone with a child in a private/isolated space
- Initiate physical contact unless for safety or instruction with consent
- Use inappropriate language, gestures, or jokes
- Communicate privately online without parental knowledge

REMEMBER:

Child safety is everyone's responsibility. If in doubt — speak up.

CHILD SAFETY REPORTING FLOW

1 You see, hear, or suspect
abuse/harm



2 Ensure the child is safe from
immediate danger
Call 000 if urgent



3 Report immediately to:

- A Child Safety Officer
- Relevant state/territory child protection service



4 Document what you saw/heard

- Use exact words if the child disclosed



5 Follow up

- Support the child
- Maintain confidentiality
- Cooperate with authorities