

# EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA CHILD SAFE UPDATE

## AFFILIATES, VOLUNTEERS AND OFFICIALS

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### CHILD SAFE STANDARD 3

#### What is it?

Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them, and are taken seriously.

In complying with Child Safe Standard 3 an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:

- 3.1.** Children and young people are informed about all of their rights, including to safety, information and participation.
- 3.2.** The importance of friendships is recognised and support from peers is encouraged, to help children and young people feel safe and be less isolated.
- 3.3.** Where relevant to the setting or context, children and young people are offered access to sexual abuse prevention programs and to relevant related information in an age-appropriate way.
- 3.4.** Staff and volunteers are attuned to signs of harm and facilitate child-friendly ways for children and young people to express their views, participate in decision-making and raise their concerns.
- 3.5.** Organisations have strategies in place to develop a culture that facilitates participation and is responsive to the input of children and young people.
- 3.6.** Organisations provide opportunities for children and young people to participate and are responsive to their contributions, thereby strengthening confidence and engagement.

#### How do we comply?

It's important that your staff and volunteers are attuned to signs of harm, and understand how they can communicate to create a welcoming and safe environment for children and young people. It is also important that children and young people know their obligations, and how to report behaviour that has caused distress.

As such, we have produced staff training and event infographics to ensure compliance. You can download them from the EV website:

<https://www.vic.equestrian.org.au/content/education-updates-child-safe>