



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

The Western Australia Speedway Commission Inc (WASC) is committed to promoting and protecting the interests and safety of children. We have zero tolerance for child abuse.

Everyone working at the WASC, including employees, officials and volunteers is responsible for the care and protection of children and for reporting information about suspected child abuse.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is:

- a. To facilitate the prevention of child abuse occurring within the Commission and its affiliated clubs, divisions and tracks.
- b. To work towards an organisational culture of child safety.
- c. To prevent child abuse within the Commission and its affiliated clubs, divisions and tracks.
- d. To ensure that all parties are aware of their responsibilities for identifying possible occasions for child abuse and for establishing controls and procedures for preventing such abuse and/or detecting such abuse when it occurs.
- e. To provide guidance to staff/volunteers/contractors as to the action that should be taken where they suspect any abuse within or outside of the organisation.
- f. To provide a clear statement to staff/volunteers/contractors forbidding any such abuse.
- g. To provide assurance that any and all suspected abuse will be reported and fully investigated.

3. POLICY

The Commission is committed to promoting and protecting the best interests of children involved in its programs.

All children, regardless of their gender, race, religious beliefs, age, disability, sexual orientation, or family or social background, have equal rights to protection from abuse.

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The Commission has zero tolerance for child abuse. Everyone working at the Commission is responsible for the care and protection of the children within our care and reporting information about suspected child abuse.

Child protection is a shared responsibility between the Commission, all employees, workers, contractors, associates, volunteers and members of the Speedway community.

The Commission will consider the opinions of children and use their opinions to develop child protection policies.

The Commission supports and respects all children, staff and volunteers.

The Commission is committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and those from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds and to providing a safe environment for children living with a disability.

If any person believes a child is at immediate risk of abuse, telephone 000.

4. OBLIGATIONS

All clubs/divisions/members/officials/staff/tracks/contractors and volunteers share the responsibility for the prevention and detection of child abuse and must:

- Familiarise themselves with the relevant laws, the Code of Conduct, and the WASC's policy and procedures in relation to child protection, and comply with all requirements;
- Report any reasonable belief that a child's safety is at risk to the relevant authorities (such as the WA Police on (131 444) and/or the WA Child Protection Services on **1800 273 889** or 13 11 14 and fulfil their obligations as mandatory reporters;
- Report any suspicion that a child's safety may be at risk to their supervisor (or, if their supervisor is involved in the suspicion, to a responsible person in the organisation); and
- Provide an environment that is supportive of all children's emotional and physical safety.

5. WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD

All current employees of the WASC must hold and continue to hold a valid working with Children Card for the duration of their employment with the WASC.