



LIFE SAVING VICTORIA

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

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Document Title: Life Saving Victoria Safeguarding Children and Young People Behavioural Guidelines

| We will: | We will not: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a welcoming and safe environment and promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people participating in all LSV events, services, programs or activities. • Ensure we provide adequate care, supervision and positive and safe interactions with children and young people. • Ensure we provide a robust reporting mechanism for all LSV people for any concerns around the safety or wellbeing of children and young people. • Ensure children and young people are respected and balance their rights to privacy in change rooms • Only take photo's of children and young people when consent has been granted by the child's or young person's parent/carer and when the context is directly related to participating in any LSV events, services, programs or activities. • Encourage positive language and tone of voice that leads to a welcoming and supportive environment for children and young people • Take all reasonable steps to protect children and young people from any form of abuse or harm, acting diligently and appropriately in reporting any suspicions, concerns, policy and procedural breaches, allegations or disclosures of alleged abuse to management or threats against the safety of children/young people to internal and external authorities • Only condone overnight stays when permission has been authorised by the child or young person's parent and when applicable to a LSV event, program, service or activities. • Listen to children and young people and provide opportunities for them to provide feedback. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have unnecessary physical contact with children or young people in any LSV events, services, programs or activities. • Act in any way that condones or fails to respond to inappropriate behaviour with children by other LSV personnel or members of the public. • Engage in activities or seek contact with children or young people who are our clients or members outside of any LSV authorised services, programs, events or activities. • Engage in electronic communication with children or young people without authorisation from the child's or young person's parents/carer; including but not limited to chat rooms and social messaging platforms. • Undress or use change rooms in the presence of children or young people should be avoided where possible and only then for the purpose of participating in any LSV events, program, services or activities • Permit any form of 'sexual behaviour' to occur between, with, or in the presence of, children or young people participating in any LSV event, program, service or activities. (Engaging in sexual behaviour while participating in LSV services, events, programs or activities is prohibited even if the children and Young Persons involved may be above the legal age of consent). • Provide transportation to children or young people without authorisation from the Child's or young person's parent/carer. • Be alone with a child or young person, unless specifically approved as part of a LSV service, program or activity, pending a risk assessment. • Dismiss or trivialise concerns and feedback provided by Children and Young People |