

CHILD SAFE STANDARD 6: Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse.

RDA Centres must identify potential for harm and proactively plan to prevent, reduce or remove the risk of child abuse.

This includes:

- Having a clear understanding of RDA policies, procedures and volunteer training and adhere to those documents.
- Being proactive to reduce the likelihood of risks emerging or escalating.
- Following your risk management plan.

Practical things Centres can do:

- Complete risk management checklist every six months.
- Ensure all personnel (volunteer and paid) are trained to identify and respond to suspected child abuse.
- Regularly schedule discussions about child safety and risk minimisation into volunteer briefings, meetings and committee meetings.

Resources

RDA Risk Management Checklist

<https://www.rdav.asn.au/app/uploads/2021/10/Centre-Child-Safe-to-do-list.pdf>

Child Safe Reporting Document

<https://www.rdav.asn.au/app/uploads/2021/10/Child-Safe-Reporting-Document.pdf>

RDA Volunteer Training Documents

<https://www.rdav.asn.au/app/uploads/2021/10/FINALPDF-Information-Sheet-2-What-is-reportable-conduct-2.pdf>

<https://www.rdav.asn.au/app/uploads/2021/10/Reportable-Conduct-FAQ-RCS-FAQs-110718.pdf>

Commission of Children and Young People Standard 6

<https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safety/being-a-child-safe-organisation/the-child-safe-standards/standard-6-risk-management-and-mitigation/>