

MEMBER PROTECTION



SOMERTON HIGHLY VALUES THE CONTRIBUTION OF ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS.

AS A VOLUNTEER IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT WE ARE ALL MANDATORY REPORTERS AND HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS OF ABUSE

CHILD ABUSE AND REPORTING HOTLINE

CARL - 13 14 75

If an immediate threat to a child is suspected call 000

KEY SIGNS OF ABUSE

PRESENTATION

- Physical abuse: bruises, burns, cuts, broken bones
- Sexual abuse: injuries & infections of genitals & anus
- Neglect: hunger, poor growth, hygiene & medical care
- Emotional: delays in physical, emotional & social development

BEHAVIOUR

- Physical abuse: aggression & hyperactivity, passivity & compliance, fear
- Sexual abuse: age inappropriate sexual activity & knowledge, self-harming, regression, depression
- Neglect: hunger, poor growth, hygiene & medical care
- Emotional: withdrawn, passive, low self-esteem

CODE OF CONDUCT



AGE GROUP MANAGERS AND COACHES INVOLVED WITH SOMERTON SLSC WILL ABIDE BY OUR CODE OF CONDUCT:

- WE PLACE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON THE EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL SAFETY OF THE NIPPERS AND TEENAGERS (COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS JUNIORS) IN OUR CARE:
 - WE WILL PROMOTE SUN AND SURF SAFETY PRACTICES IN OUR INTERACTIONS WITH JUNIOR MEMBERS
 - WE WILL NOT ALLOW THE USE OF ANY RECORDING DEVICES IN OUR TOILETS
 - WE DO NOT ALLOW STRANGERS TO TAKE PHOTOS OF OUR JUNIOR MEMBERS
 - WE WILL ENCOURAGE APPROPRIATE DRESS AT OUR CLUB
 - WE AGREE TO UNDERTAKE CHILD SAFETY TRAINING AS REQUIRED.
- WE WILL ACTIVELY PROMOTE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE IN OUR JUNIOR MEMBERS.
- WE ARE ALWAYS SUPPORTIVE AND ENCOURAGING OF JUNIOR MEMBERS.
- WE WILL BE ETHICAL, FAIR, COURTEOUS AND HONEST IN ALL DEALINGS WITH JUNIOR MEMBERS IN OUR CARE.
- I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT JUNIORS PARTICIPATE FOR PLEASURE AND WINNING IS ONLY ONE PART OF THE FUN.
- WE NEVER RIDICULE OR YELL AT A JUNIOR MEMBER FOR MAKING A MISTAKE OR NOT COMPETING WELL.
- WE WILL BE REASONABLE IN OUR DEMANDS ON A COMPETITOR'S TIME, ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM.
- WE OPERATE TO THE RULES AND SPIRIT OF SURF LIFE SAVING AND TEACH OUR JUNIOR MEMBERS TO DO THE SAME.
- I WILL ENSURE THAT THE TIME JUNIOR MEMBERS SPEND WITH US IS A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE. ALL YOUNG PEOPLE ARE DESERVING OF EQUAL ATTENTION AND OPPORTUNITIES.
- I WILL ENSURE THAT EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES MEET THE MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS AND ARE APPROPRIATE TO THE AGE AND ABILITY OF ALL COMPETITORS.
- I WILL DISPLAY CONTROL, RESPECT AND PROFESSIONALISM TO ALL INVOLVED WITH SURF LIFE SAVING. THIS INCLUDES OPPONENTS, COACHES, OFFICIALS, ADMINISTRATORS, THE MEDIA, PARENTS AND SPECTATORS. ENCOURAGE JUNIOR MEMBERS TO DO THE SAME.
- I WILL SHOW CONCERN TOWARD SICK AND INJURED COMPETITORS. FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF A PHYSICIAN WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER AN INJURED PERSON IS READY TO RECOMMENCE TRAINING OR COMPETITION.
- I WILL OBTAIN APPROPRIATE QUALIFICATIONS, CHECKS AND CLEARANCES.
- I WILL ENSURE THAT ANY PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH A YOUNG PERSON SHOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO THE SITUATION AND NECESSARY FOR THE COMPETITOR'S SKILL DEVELOPMENT.
- I WILL RESPECT THE RIGHTS, DIGNITY AND WORTH OF EVERY YOUNG PERSON REGARDLESS OF THEIR GENDER, ABILITY, CULTURAL BACKGROUND OR RELIGION.
- I WILL TREAT EACH COMPETITOR AS AN INDIVIDUAL. RESPECT THE TALENT, DEVELOPMENT STAGE AND GOALS OF EACH JUNIOR, AND HELP EACH JUNIOR MEMBER REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.
- I WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE PROGRESS AND/OR CONDUCT OF COMPETITION UNLESS CALLED TO DO SO BY ANOTHER OFFICIAL, AND I WILL ABIDE BY THE OFFICIALS' DECISIONS.

VOLUNTEER CHECKS



ALL VOLUNTEERS THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH JUNIOR MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO HOLD:

- CURRENT DHS WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK,
- CURRENT POLICE CHECK;
- COMPLETED THE 'SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSON AWARENESS COURSE'

DHS WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

SEND THROUGH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO MEMBERPROTECTION@SOMERTONSURFCLUB.COM.AU. THE CLUB CAN INITIATE A CHECK. THIS WILL BE VALID FOR 5 YEARS.

- NAME:
- DATE OF BIRTH:
- PREFERRED EMAIL:
- ANY DETAILS OF A PREVIOUS WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

HOW TO COMPLETE A POLICE CHECK-

SAPOL FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE UNDER JUNIORS - MEMBER PROTECTION, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORMS AND TAKE THEM TO A POLICE STATION WITH 100 POINTS OF ID. (IN THE VOLUNTEER AUTHORITY SECTION, PLEASE TICK THE VOAN SECTION AND THE CLUB WILL COMPLETE THAT BIT).

PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE MEMBER PROTECTION OFFICER AT THE CLUB. THE FORMS WILL THEN BE SENT AWAY ON YOUR BEHALF, AFTER BEING SIGNED BY AN AUTHORISED CLUB OFFICIAL AND HAVING THE SURF CLUB VOAN ADDED.

THE SAPOL CERTIFICATE WILL BE SENT TO YOUR HOME ADDRESS, PLEASE FORWARD IT MEMBERPROTECTION@SOMERTONSURFCLUB.COM.AU ONCE YOU HAVE RECEIVED SO IT CAN BE PROCESSED. THE SAPOL PROCESS IS ONLY COMPLETE WHEN THE CLUB HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE.

COMPLETING THE SLS -SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSON AWARENESS COURSE

ACCESS THE MEMBERS PORTAL ON SURF SAVING SA SITE TO ENSURE YOUR COMPLETION OF THE COURSE IS RECORDED IN SURFGUARD.

- GO TO [HTTPS://MEMBERS.SLS.COM.AU](https://members.sls.com.au) = MEMBERS PORTAL
- COURSES
- GO TO ELEARNING
- TRAINING LIBRARY
- SLS - SAFETY AND WELLBEING
- SLS - SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AWARENESS COURSE

CHILD SAFE OFFICERS



THE SOMERTON CLUB CHILD SAFE OFFICERS ARE:

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO SPEAK TO ANY OF THESE PEOPLE IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT CHILD SAFETY OR ABUSE OF ANY FORM.



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FURTHER INFORMATION

SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA:-

- CHILD SAFE POLICY, [HTTPS://SLS.COM.AU/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2021/09/6.04_CHILDSAFEPOLICY.PDF](https://sls.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/6.04_childsafepolicy.pdf)
- CHILD SAFE PROGRAM, [HTTPS://SLS.COM.AU/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2021/09/CHILD-SAFE-GUIDELINE.PDF](https://sls.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/child-safe-guideline.pdf)
- MEMBER PROTECTION PROGRAM, [HTTPS://SLS.COM.AU/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2021/09/6.05_MEMBERPROTECTION.PDF](https://sls.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/6.05_memberprotection.pdf)
- INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY PROGRAM, [HTTPS://SLS.COM.AU/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2021/09/6.05_MEMBERPROTECTION.PDF](https://sls.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/6.05_memberprotection.pdf)