



WHAT IS THE MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY?

The Member Protection Policy (MPP) is in place to protect the health, well-being and safety of all people who participate in cricket within Victoria.

WHO DOES THE MPP APPLY TO?

The Member Protection Policy (MPP) applies to:

- Clubs, associations, regions and peak bodies affiliated with Cricket Victoria
- Committees and Boards
- Employees
- Coaches, umpires, team managers, and support personnel (paid or unpaid)
- Players in any sanctioned competition, event, carnival or tournament
- Any person or organisation who or which is a member of a CV Organisation (this can be a club, association, region, affiliate or Cricket Victoria itself)

WHY HAS IT BEEN UPDATED?

From 1 January 2017, new legislation from the Victorian government will be in place for all sporting organisations that engage with children. The new legislation "Child Safe Standards" sees seven (7) standards introduced that aim to create and maintain child safety within any organisation. With the majority of our 328,000 participants being aged under 18, it is critical that we ensure the sport of cricket across the state is delivered in the safest environment for all participants.

The update ensures that from a policy perspective, the Child Safe Standards are embedded to guide and support the delivery of cricket across Cricket Victoria and its members.

A key aspect to the new legislation is to demonstrate a commitment to safeguarding children. Our commitment is:

"All CV Organisations recognise that Children need special care and attention. As such, all CV Organisations are committed to the protection and safety of children. All CV Organisations aim to protect the welfare of Children involved in the sport of cricket by creating, implementing and complying with all measures set out in the MPP."

The policy details a number of these measures; inclusive of the thorough understanding of screening to reduce the risk of people with improper motives being involved in cricket activities, through to the clear recording and reporting of incidents.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

Action Required	Club	Association	Affiliate
Adopt the Member Protection Policy at the next meeting of members.	✓	✓	✓
Acknowledge at the next opportunity the new State government legislation & review current practices	✓	✓	✓
Display and promote the policy on website and through other key documents.	✓	✓	✓
Ensure all members understand how to report and respond to child safety concerns or allegations.	✓	✓	✓
Review current screening processes to ensure they meet requirements set in policy for coaches, managers, etc.	✓	✓	✓
Allocate a committee role to be responsible for safeguarding children (e.g. MPIO or Child Safe Officer)	✓	✓	✓

WHERE CAN I READ MORE?

The following resources are available to assist you in safe guarding children. The resources include templates and information on the new legislation.

cricketvictoria.com.au/support

vicsport.com.au/child-safe-standards

WHO CAN I TALK TO ABOUT THIS?

Cricket Victoria currently has four trained Member Protection Information Officers (MPIO) who are available to discuss what the changes mean for you and your organization

Chris Harris
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Please contact Cricket Victoria on (03) 9653 1100 or mpio@cricketvictoria.com.au if you wish to speak with one of our MPIO's.

Cricket Victoria is committed to supporting our affiliates, as well as clubs and associations to ensure the safeguarding of children. Ensure that your club is open about how you manage your environment to keep it safe, fun and welcoming for all. Thank you for your commitment to growing cricket in our communities and let's continue to work together to ensure every cricket experience is a positive one for all involved.

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