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Kenmore child protection *managing the risks* training

The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian will be running a child protection risk management workshop at Kenmore on Tuesday, 6 May.

All Queensland employers, volunteer groups and associations (such as churches or sporting groups) regulated by the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* are required to have a child protection risk management strategy.

The Commissioner, Ms Elizabeth Fraser, said the child protection risk management strategy workshops help organisations identify risks of harm to children in their service environments and put strategies in place to reduce or manage them.

“We offer these workshops to help regulated Queensland organisations comply with our legislation, and I encourage people to attend if they have any doubts about whether their organisation is meeting their legislative obligations,” Ms Fraser said.

Ms Fraser said ensuring employees and volunteers hold a blue card is an important part of effective child protection risk management but it alone cannot guarantee safety of a child.

“Criminal history screening is only one element of a broader risk management strategy which agencies need to have in place to strengthen safeguards for young people in their particular environments,” she said.

“When workshop participants go through the eight requirements of a risk management strategy, they may ask themselves questions about how they run their organisation they haven’t considered before,” she said.

“For example, does your organisation have a code of conduct that sets standards for interacting with children? Do you select appropriately skilled and screened staff? Are your staff or volunteers informed about the risks of harm and the organisation’s guidelines for reporting harm? Are staff trained on the organisation’s procedures?”

“The workshops discuss these types of questions and give organisations guidance on developing and reviewing their own child protection risk management strategy.”

The workshops are **free** to attendees, but places are limited. Please RSVP by Monday, 28 April.

For more information go to www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au/about/workshopschedule.html or call the Commission on 1800 113 611.