

Working together for child-safe environments

The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian is committed to helping people who work with children and young people create child-safe environments that promote learning and enjoyment.

The Commission has put together a set of resources to help Queensland organisations respond to changes in the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000*.

Legislation requires those carrying on regulated businesses or employing someone in regulated employment (ie. in those categories screened under this Act) to implement an annual risk management strategy for child protection by 17 January 2006.

Recently, legislative changes have further strengthened this requirement by specifying the elements of a risk management strategy for child protection. These elements are outlined in the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Regulation 2001* and became effective from 1 January 2007.

What support is available?

The Commission offers training and resources to support organisations' efforts to promote children's wellbeing and protect them from harm. These include:

- a half-day workshop based around a child protection risk management strategy framework
- materials on the Commission's website www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au, including:
 - a resource package containing background information, workshop materials and templates to support implementation of your Risk Management Strategy
 - blue card information and an information sheet, *Safe environments for young people: child protection – managing the risks*.
- optional (user-pays) extension workshops tailored to specific contexts.

Training resource materials

Workshop participants will receive a resource package containing:

Background information

This pre-reading is forwarded to participants with workshop confirmation. Being familiar with this information will help people participate fully in the workshop.

Participant's workbook

The workbook contains slides and activity sheets, which may be copied and used as training materials by organisations.

Support materials

These include templates, scenarios and practical ideas which you can adapt to develop your own risk management strategy.

Thank you for taking part in our workshops: *Child protection – managing the risks*. Our shared commitment to Queensland children and young people's safety and wellbeing and our vigilance in protecting them from harm will benefit us all.