

Do you work with children and young people in a business or in employment screened by the Commission?

If so, new laws require you to have a 'risk management strategy' in place to protect those in your care.

Queensland law now requires people in regulated businesses or employing someone in regulated employment (ie. those requiring a blue card) to implement an annual risk management strategy.

The Commission offers a half day workshop to help your organisation develop its strategy so it can meet its obligation to create safe, friendly environments for children and young people.

Failure to comply with the legislation is an offence and may attract a fine.

What is a risk management strategy?

A risk management strategy aims to promote children's wellbeing and protect them from harm.

Harm is any detrimental effect of a significant nature on a child's physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing.

Why have a strategy to protect children?

Children and young people have the right to learn, thrive and enjoy activities in safe environments.

Your organisation and all the people in it have a duty of care to protect children and young people from any foreseeable risks of harm.

Every employer, staff member and volunteer plays a significant role in protecting the rights, interests and safety of the children and young people who use your services.

How child-safe is your organisation?

Ask yourself:

- Is your commitment to children's safety and wellbeing set out in policy guidelines?
- Do you have a Code of Conduct for interacting with children and young people?
- Do you maintain a child-friendly culture by screening and selecting appropriately skilled staff who respect the rights and needs of children and young people?
- Are staff, volunteers, children and their parents told about your child protection policy and trained to follow procedures and document incidents if harm occurs?

- Do you assess the risk of harm to children in all areas of your operations and ensure that risk controls are in place, understood and regularly updated?

Keeping children and young people safe from harm requires planning and ongoing management and review of employment practices and services.

How can I find out more about developing a risk management strategy?

The Commission's half-day workshop can help you develop a risk management strategy for your organisation which complies with new legislation.

The workshop is designed to:

- explain your obligation to maintain safe environments for children and young people by managing risks of harm
- guide the development of your child protection risk management strategy, and
- help you assess your current approach to managing risks and plan improvements.

What's in the training package?

The package includes:

- background information about child abuse, liability and risk management
- blue card information sheets, and
- a workbook and resources to help you develop your risk management strategy, such as templates, sample registers and forms.

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What if I need more information?

Information about risk management and employment screening can be found on the Commission's website at www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au.

Group training

The Commission will liaise with peak groups and organisations when developing our statewide training schedule.

If you have 20 or more staff or associates from similar organisations or local networks interested in training, we can schedule a workshop in your area.

To express interest, please complete the registration of interest form enclosed, and contact us on 3247 5518 or freecall 1800 688 275.

Individuals

To cater for individuals and small groups, the Commission will schedule workshops in major centres around the state.

To help us develop a timetable, please register your interest by completing the enclosed form and returning it to the Commission.

While the Commission cannot guarantee that we can meet all requests for training, we will take all registrations of interest into account in scheduling training across Queensland.

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Child protection -
managing the risks

Workshop



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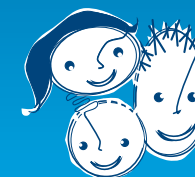
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