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## MUDJIMBA SURF LIFE SAVING INC.

### CHILD AND YOUTH RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Mudjimba Surf Lifesaving Club (MSLSC) is committed to providing a safe environment for children and youth in its care. Children and Youth are defined as those under the age of 18 years old.

The Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy as required by Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 (the Act) and the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2001 require regulated organisation's and businesses to develop and implement a child and youth risk management strategy which aims to keep children and young people safe.

The Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy as required by Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 (the Act) and the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2001 outline the following eight minimum requirements as follows:

#### COMMITMENT

- A statement of commitment to the principles of safe and supportive service environments (mandatory requirement 1), and
- A code of conduct (mandatory requirement 2).

#### CAPABILITY

- Recruitment, selection, training and management strategies that encourage best practice and enhance the safety and wellbeing of children and young people (mandatory requirement 3).

#### CONCERNS

- Policies and procedures for handling disclosures and suspicions of harm (mandatory requirement 4),
- Policies and procedures for the occasions where there might be a breach of the organisation's Child and Youth Risk Management strategy (mandatory requirement 5), and
- A planning process for high risk activities and special events (mandatory requirement 6).

#### CONSISTENCY

- Policies and procedures for compliance with Part 6 of the Act, which regulates the Blue Card system (mandatory requirement 7), and
- Strategies for communication and support for all stakeholders including children and young people (mandatory requirement 8).

Our "Statement of Commitment" is now on all notice boards and the resource which is a large folder of policies, procedures, guidelines forms and templates dealing with all aspects of child protection and safety will be kept in the administration office.

It is everyone's responsibility to keep our children safe, so if you see or hear of any suspicious activity, it must be reported. Depending on the immediacy or seriousness of any suspicious activity or act, a report can be made to the Grievance Officer, Club Captain, President, Youth Development Officer, Junior Activities Chairperson, the Police or the Commission for Children.

For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the [Club Captain](#).