

## KEY ACTION AREA 1.3:

Governance arrangements facilitate implementation of the SSA child safety and wellbeing policy at all levels.

### OVERVIEW

It is essential for your SSA to clearly communicate with everyone involved in it (for example SSA staff, volunteers, children and young people, and families) about their roles and responsibilities for child safety. This will include information they need to be aware of: behavioural expectations; and how to report any allegations or suspicions of a child or young person being harmed.

Although it is the **responsibility of everyone** within your SSA to report any concerns that a child is at risk of harm, **designated people** also need to be identified and trained, who can be contacted by staff and volunteers to discuss any questions, either proactive or reactive (for example what they should be doing to create a safe environment for children and young people and who they can speak with if they are worried a child is at risk of being harmed or is being harmed). It is important these designated people are informed about how to guide others, are approachable, and ideally have experience interacting with people from diverse backgrounds.

SSA child safety and wellbeing policies and procedures need to refer to additional information, support and contacts in relation to child safety (see [Template 6.4](#) and [National Principle 10 resources](#)). It is important to remember that people involved in sport **do not need to be child safety experts** but they need to **take action** if they suspect a child or young person is at risk or a child discloses they have been or are being harmed. This action includes sharing information with relevant agencies, such as WA Police and the Department of Communities ([See reporting flowchart Template 6.4](#)). Therefore, information about how to report needs to be shared with everyone involved in your SSA.

Your SSA needs to have clarity about what it is trying to achieve through the implementation of its [child safety and wellbeing policy](#) and how this will be measured.



<b>EXAMPLE SSA ACTIONS TO WORK TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING KEY ACTION AREA 1.3</b>	The SSA clearly communicates with everyone involved about their roles and responsibilities for child safety.
	There are designated people within the SSA with whom to discuss child safety practices and concerns.
	The SSA child safety and wellbeing policies and procedures refer to additional child safety information, support and contacts.
	The SSA needs to have clarity about what it is trying to achieve and how this will be measured.

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