

## KEY ACTION AREA 9.1:

SSA regularly reviews, evaluates and improves child safe practices.

### OVERVIEW

Your SSA needs to regularly review, evaluate and improve its child safe practices as a process of continuous improvement.

It is vital that your SSA reviews and checks its child safety and wellbeing policies and procedures are being informed by a range of data sources. If the content in these policies and procedures is not relevant, or as relevant as it can be, it will not be providing guidance on the most appropriate actions within your SSA to create safe environments for children and young people.

It is also important that your SSA has regular discussions about child safe practices as part of its meetings, ensuring that this is informed by general feedback and input sourced from your staff, volunteers, members, children and young people, carers and parents.

Your SSA needs to be attentive, flexible and responsive to new challenges, such as changes in the circumstances of children and young people involved in your SSA and to the diverse needs of children and young people and their families. It is essential that your SSA does not ignore changing situations or challenges just because they are not documented in policies or procedures.

Although your policies and procedures need to guide your action, it is vital, particularly when talking about the safety of children and young people, that your SSA continues to evolve and improve implementation as part of continuous learning. If you have children and young people who are at risk, your SSA needs to improve its child safe practices based on evidence, being mindful of individual characteristics, cultural backgrounds and abilities. **This is not something your SSA staff and volunteers need to be experts in,** however it is important they are informed about where they can go externally to seek this guidance or information to assist.



<b>EXAMPLE SSA ACTIONS TO WORK TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING KEY ACTION AREA 9.1</b>	<p>The SSA reviews and checks on implementation of child safety and wellbeing policies and procedures, drawing on a range of information/data sources.</p>
	<p>There is regular proactive discussion about child safe practices as part of SSA member meetings, informed by general feedback and input from staff, volunteers, members, children and young people, carers and parents.</p>
	<p>The SSA is attentive, flexible and responsive to new challenges, such as changes to the circumstances of children and young people in the SSA or to the diverse needs of children and young people and their families.</p>
	<p>If providing opportunities for children and young people with diverse needs, the SSA reviews and improves (as appropriate) its child safe practices based on evidence, being mindful of individual characteristics, cultural backgrounds and abilities.</p>

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