

Child Safe Checklist

For parents and carers

Use this checklist when you visit a child-related organisation to find out how safe it is for your child. You can record your observations and save it for future reference.

Green flags to look for: **(These are things that might indicate child safety)**

-  Have you seen anything on the organisation's social media or website that says the organisation puts child safety first?
-  Can you see any posters that describe child safety?
-  Are you able to access any policies, including complaints?
-  Does the physical space mean that children could be unsupervised or in a situation where they are alone with an adult.
-  Do they provide clear expectations of parents?

Questions to ask:

- ☐ Do you verify the working with registration to work with vulnerable people checks (RWVP) of all child-related workers?
- ☐ Do you have the following and can parents access:
 - Child Safe Policy?
 - Child Safe Code of Conduct?
 - Child Safe Reporting Policy?
- ☐ Have your staff completed child safety training?
- ☐ How do I, as a parent, raise concerns with the organisation.
 - Do they listen and respond appropriately?
- ☐ How are children encouraged to speak up if they feel unsafe?
- ☐ How are vulnerable children, such as children with disabilities, supported?
- ☐ How are children from other cultures supported?
- ☐ Are there staff to child ratios?
- ☐ How does the organisation minimise times where children are supervised one on one with an adult?
- ☐ How are families supported to be involved with the organisation?

