

Safeguarding Children

Netball New Zealand (NNZ) seeks to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of all people participating in Netball and its members. To ensure that suitable and appropriate staff and volunteers (including parents) are working with children and young people, a robust recruitment and safety checking/screening process should be followed for all roles. Screening/ safety checking is also required for staff and volunteers currently engaged in existing roles. A child/young person is recognised as someone under the age of 18 years.

The [NNZ Safe Netball for Children Policy 2022](#) goes into further detail including providing a safety checking flow chart, protocols and processes for keeping children, young people, staff and volunteers safe in Netball. We recommend you become familiar with the content of this policy.

Safeguarding Children eLearning for volunteers

We recommend everyone working within Netball (paid or volunteer roles) completes this free, online module 'Child Protection in Play, Active Recreation and Sport'.

The online training is based on an existing proven module from Safeguarding Children (registered Charity) and adapted to be more specific to play, active recreation and sport. It is aimed at all levels of the play, active recreation and sport sector. It is designed to give learners the tools to identify the signs of potential abuse and neglect and know what to do about it. This is an essential responsibility of every volunteer or paid member of staff coming into contact with tamariki and rangatahi in the sector.

The specific learning outcomes include:

- Understand why protecting children and young people from abuse and neglect is important.
- Understand how it relates to your role in play, active recreation and sport.
- Be able to recognise signs of potential abuse and neglect.
- Know how to respond, for example, be able to handle a 'disclosure' (where a child or young person gives you signs they are at risk).
- Learn how to report your concerns, and to whom, and how to document them.
- Be confident to follow the 'Four Rs' approach: recognise, respond, report and record.

Click [here](#) for the 'Child Protection in Play, Active Recreation and Sport' module. This is provided free through Sport NZ.



Short of time or new to Child Safeguarding? There are also free, bite-sized, shorter modules available [here](#).