

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

Straight Arrows Inc. is committed to promoting and protecting the interests and safety of children. We have zero tolerance for child abuse.

Everyone working at Straight Arrows Inc. is responsible for the care and protection of children and reporting information about child abuse.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is

1. To facilitate the prevention of child abuse occurring within Straight Arrows Inc.
2. To work towards an organisational culture of child safety.
3. To prevent child abuse within Straight Arrows Inc.
4. To ensure that all parties are aware of their responsibilities for identifying possible occasions for child abuse and for establishing controls and procedures for preventing such abuse and/or detecting such abuse when it occurs.
5. To provide guidance to staff/volunteers/contractors as to action that should be taken where they suspect any abuse within or outside of the organisation.
6. To provide a clear statement to staff/volunteers/contractors forbidding any such abuse.
7. To provide assurance that any and all suspected abuse will be reported and fully investigated.

POLICY

Straight Arrows Inc. is committed to promoting and protecting at all times the best interests of children involved in its programs.

All children, regardless of their gender, race, religious beliefs, age, disability, sexual orientation, or family or social background, have equal rights to protection from abuse.

Straight Arrows Inc. has zero tolerance for child abuse. Everyone working at Straight Arrows Inc. is responsible for the care and protection of the children within our care and reporting information about suspected child abuse.

Child protection is a shared responsibility between the Straight Arrows Inc., all employees, workers, contractors, associates, and members of the Straight Arrows Inc. community.

Straight Arrows Inc. will consider the opinions of children and use their opinions to develop child protection policies.

Straight Arrows Inc. supports and respects all children, staff and volunteers. Straight Arrows Inc. is committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, and those from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children living with a disability.

If any person believes a child is in immediate risk of abuse, telephone 000.

AUTHORISATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W.L. Handy', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Approved by the Board 21/06/2016
Straight Arrows Inc.

