

RESPONDING TO INCIDENTS, DISCLOSURES, AND SUSPICIONS OF CHILD ABUSE

FOUR CRITICAL ACTIONS

YOU MUST TAKE ACTION

As a volunteer/staff member in your sport you play a critical role protecting children and young people. You must follow the four actions below.

1. Responding

If a child is at risk of immediate harm you must ensure their safety by:

1. Separating alleged victims and others involved.
2. Administering first aid.
3. Calling 000 for agent medical and/or police assistance to respond to immediate health or safety concerns.
4. Identifying a contact person at for future liaison with Police.

If there is no immediate harm go to Action 2

2. Reporting

Any incident must be documented on the Child Abuse Incident Report Form

Where does the source of suspected abuse come from?

Within the family or community

- Report to the relevant child protection agency
- Report to your local police.

You **must also report internally** to:

- the club Board
- the relevant State Association

Within the sport

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- the club Board
- the relevant State Association which then needs to report to ASAI Board

3. Contacting

The relevant State Association and/or ASAI Board must consult with the relevant child protection authority or local police to determine the information can be shared with parents/carers.

This can include

1. Not to contact the parents or carers in circumstances where they have alleged to have engaged in the abuse or the child is a mature minor and does not wish their parent/carer to be contacted.
2. To contact the parents/carers and provide agreed information as soon as possible.

4. Supporting

Relevant State Association and/or ASAI should provide support for children impact on abuse which could include: the development of a safety plan, direct support and/or a referral to wellbeing professionals.

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Emergency 000