



Basketball Australia has zero-tolerance policy to child abuse and neglect in any form and is committed to promoting the welfare of children in basketball by providing a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment. This Policy is part of Basketball Australia's proactive and preventative approach to upholding its commitment to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children who access basketball.

- **Who does the policy apply to;**
  - All participants who are members of Basketball Australia, a member organisation or an authorised provider. This includes clubs and associations and everyone involved in basketball
- **What constitutes prohibited conduct under this policy?**
  - A person under this policy would commit a breach if they are involved in the following conduct;
    - Child abuse
    - Grooming
    - Misconduct with a child
    - Request a child to keep secret communication from their parents/guardians
    - Supply alcohol or illicit drugs or medicines to a child
    - Commit any act that would be a breach under the Member Protection Policy
- **Ensure you are aware of Child Safe Practices which cover a range of situations such as;**
  - Sexual misconduct
  - Professional boundaries
  - Use of language and tone of voice
  - Positive guidance
  - Supervision
  - Use of electronic or online communications
  - Photographs of children
  - Physical Contact with children
- **What you must report;**
  - If a child is at risk of immediate harm, you must ensure their safety by:
    - Calling 000 for medical and/or police assistance to respond to urgent health or safety concerns;
    - Administering first aid, if required;
    - Separating at risk Child and others involved;
    - Identifying an appropriate contact person for any on-going liaison with the Police
    - If you believe that a child is suffering or has suffered harm or abuse within a basketball context that may be a breach of this policy you must make a report
- Remember if you suspect that abuse is a criminal matter or is physical harm you should report it to the police and/or child protection and then Basketball Australia Integrity Unit as per below

## Reporting Methods

- [Basketball Australia Webform](#)
- Online: <http://basketball.stoplinereport.com/>
- Smartphone app: Search for STOPline in the iTunes App Store or Google Play
- Email: [basketball@stopline.com.au](mailto:basketball@stopline.com.au)
- Telephone: 1300 304 550
  - **For more information, please refer to Basketball Australia's National Framework [National Integrity Framework | Basketball Australia](#)**
  - Child Safeguarding Policy - [Child-Safeguarding-Policy-1-January-2023.pdf \(australia.basketball\)](#)
  - Complaints Policy - [Complaints-Policy-1-January-2023.pdf \(australia.basketball\)](#)

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