

## Child Safe Environment

NQS: 2.3, 7.1  
Regulation 168 (2) (h)

Renmark Children's Centre has a duty of care to ensure that all persons are provided with a high level of safety and protection during the hours of the services operation. We acknowledge the requirement by law for all caregivers to report any suspected cases of abuse; physical, sexual, emotional, drug or neglect as outlined in the Child Protection Act 2008. The Centre accepts its responsibility to ensure the safety of each and every child and to support the child's right to feel safe and secure in their environment.

### Centre Procedures

- All staff will be trained in Responding to Abuse and Neglect and the decision to report any suspected cases of abuse or neglect will be seen as a fundamental professional responsibility of any person employed at the Centre (paid or voluntary).
- All suspected incidences of child abuse or neglect will be reported to the Child Abuse Report Line on 131478 as outlined in the mandatory reporting regulations.
- Confidentiality will be respected at all times with staff acting with sensitivity and respect when sharing information directly and specifically related to an investigation.
- If it is suspected that a staff member or service provider may be implicated in the abuse, the Education Director (Department for Education) and the Director of the Centre will be informed immediately with separate guidelines being provided by the Education Department to use in this circumstance.
- The Centre adheres to the Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum and staff will use language and behaviour that is consistent with this.
- Prior to the Centre delivering the Child Protection Curriculum, the parents will receive information outlining the program.
- Staff, students, carers and volunteers will act as role models for Protective Behaviours and Practices.
- The Centre will provide staff and volunteers with ongoing training opportunities, support and information to coincide with updated information as it becomes available.

References:

Department for Education [www.decd.sa.edu.au](http://www.decd.sa.edu.au)  
Child Protection Act

Department for Education Policy web link:  
[www.decd.sa.gov.au/policiesreg168](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/policiesreg168)

The policy is reviewed biannually.

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