

# Queensland YOUTH ALLIANCE



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## CHILD PROTECTION CHARTER

QYA member organisations acknowledge and accept responsibility to:

1. Provide a safe and enjoyable environment for young people in their care;
2. Ensure the best interests of young people are of paramount concern in our decisions and actions;
3. Comply with The Commission for Children and Young People Act including screening obligations;
4. Ensure adults working with children are aware of the Organization's Child Protection Policies, Codes, Procedures and Codes of Conduct;
5. Act upon complaints and alleged or suspected incidents of harm promptly and referring them to the relevant authorities when appropriate;
6. Maintain an ongoing awareness/education program for adults and young people supporting issues of Duty of Care to children and young people;
7. Foster a culture of awareness for adults and young people about protective behaviours and personal safety; and
8. Maintain Codes of Conduct which include the following core principles as a minimum standard:
  - a) Abide by the policies and guidelines of the organisation;
  - b) Treat members with respect and accept duty of care for the welfare, safety, health and happiness of young people;
  - c) Respect everyone's right to personal privacy;
  - d) Will not be involved in unaccompanied and unobserved activities with individual young people; and
  - e) Agree that any sort of harm, defined, as "any detrimental effect of a significant nature on the child's physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing," is unacceptable conduct irrespective of how the harm was caused.



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