

How to Report Your Concerns About a Child's Safety



What to Report

You have a responsibility to report any child safety concerns, including:

- Abuse or harm
- Potential abuse or potential harm
- Observation, allegation, and/or suspicion of abuse or harm
- Breaches of SLSA Code of Conduct
- Gut feeling when something does not feel right

Making a Report

Step 1: If the child or young person is in immediate threat of harm or danger: CALL 000

Step 2: If your report is in relation to the allegation and/or suspicion of abuse or harm of a child or young person, call the Police Assistance Line on 13 14 44. They will be able to assist you with your concerns and advise if your concerns are of a criminal nature and whether they will investigate or not.

Step 3: Regardless whether the police advise you if they will investigate or not, it is imperative that you report your concerns to Surf Life Saving either online or face-to-face:



sls.com.au/safeguarding



[Make a report](#) or disclosure to your Club's Member Protection Officer or Club Child Protection Officer.

What Will Happen Next?

The relevant State/Territory Child Protection Representative will:

1. Make contact with you to confirm receipt of your report (if contact details are received).
2. Support will be offered to the child, the parents, the alleged perpetrator and any other members if required.
3. If Police or External Agency do not deem it to be a criminal offence and do not wish to proceed with an enquiry an internal investigation will be undertaken.
4. The alleged perpetrator may be temporarily suspended by the State/Territory CEO should the alleged offence be deemed above reasonable risk.
5. The internal investigation process will clarify the breach of policy and nature of the report and disciplinary process will commence (if required).