

Subject	New SLSQ Child Safety Website – Now Live
Information	<p>As part of Queensland’s new child safety reforms, Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) is sharing key updates that impact how Clubs manage child safety and Blue Card compliance.</p> <p>These changes are designed to strengthen the protection of children and young people across all community organisations, including surf lifesaving. Please read the summary below and take note of what your Club needs to do to stay compliant.</p> <p>Child Safety Standards & CRYMS</p> <p>The Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy (CRYMS) will be replaced by the Child Safety Standards in legislation. While CRYMS has been removed from Queensland legislation, the principles remain important.</p> <p>Blue Card Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New rules now allow Blue Card Services to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pause Blue Card assessments if concerns come up. ○ Cancel Blue Cards if they lose contact with someone. ○ Align negative notices with card expiry dates. • Some volunteer parents may no longer need a Blue Card (as already outlined in our Blue Cards Policy), but not if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The activity involves overnight stays or camps. ○ It includes close physical contact. ○ They hold a role outlined in the Blue Cards Policy • Overnight Stays & Camps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ These are now included in regulated child accommodation services. <p>Role of the Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC)</p>

The QFCC has been designated as the independent oversight body responsible for administering the new child safety framework. It will provide guidance and support to organisations in meeting their obligations under the new legislation.

Implementation Timeline

The rollout of these standards will occur in phases: qfcc.qld.gov.au

- **Phase 1 (from 1 Oct 2025):** Government, justice, disability, and child protection services.
- **Phase 2 (from 1 Jan 2026):** Education, health, early childhood, residential care, and community services for children.
- **Phase 3 (from 1 Apr 2026):** Commercial child services, child transport, religious bodies, and children's clubs/activities (e.g. sports, arts, tutoring).

What has SLSQ been up to?

SLSQ has been working hard in the background to try and create a one source of truth area to aid clubs in aligning with the new standards and we are announce the launch of our dedicated Child Safety website, now live and accessible at: [Child Safe - Surf Life Saving Queensland](#).

What other changes are coming?

Establishment of the Reportable Conduct Scheme

Effective from 1 July 2026, the Reportable Conduct Scheme will require organisations to report and manage allegations of child-related misconduct. This scheme ensures accountability and transparency in handling such matters. SLSQ is working on these changes and will provide resources and updated procedures before 1 July 2026.

Why this matters

Ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a core responsibility across all levels of our movement. This new

platform reflects our ongoing commitment to creating and maintaining safe, supportive, and inclusive environments across all Clubs, Branches, and State whilst giving you the tools to be able to talk to child/young Members.

What you should do

1. Explore the website and familiarise with the content.
2. Share the link through your members, Boards & Committees
3. Review your current child safety practices and align them with the latest reforms and resources.
 - There is a template on the website clubs can use. Please note that this audit will form part of your affiliation requirements in 2026.
4. Display and promote key documents such as Child Commitment Statement, codes of conduct and posters in visible areas within your Club.
 - There is a QR Code Poster for the Child Safety Website

This website will be continually updated as new resources, legislation, and sector guidance become available. Please bookmark it and check in regularly to stay informed.

SAVE THE DATE:

SLSQ invites all clubs to participate in the upcoming SLSQ Nipper Day for Daniel on Sunday 2nd November 2025, an important initiative aimed at promoting child safety. This event will provide an opportunity for clubs to share valuable tools and information with their members. Further details will be shared in the coming months.

Stay tuned for upcoming regional tours on Child Safety! SLSQ will be visiting each region to provide clubs information on Child Safety!

	Thank you for your ongoing commitment to making Surf Life Saving a safe and trusted environment for every child and young person involved.
Links	https://www.qfcc.qld.gov.au/childsafe Child Safe - Surf Life Saving Queensland
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