

As we know, sport can provide children with many positive things from sport. It's proven that young people who are physically active:

- Are healthier and fitter
- Are more coordinated and physically competent
- Often have good social and people skills
- Develop leadership and teamwork capabilities, and
- Work well and enjoy people's company

It is vitally important that we safeguard and enhance these values for kids.

The child protection guidelines are aimed at preventing harm and abuse of children in sport and assist with managing complaints appropriately for sporting organisations when abuse occurs. They have been developed and supported by a number of sport and community organisations, including the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) and End Child Prostitution and Trafficking (ECPAT).

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