



Water Skills For Life Inc. - Child Protection Policy

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Child protection is about keeping children safe from harm/abuse. Water Skills For Life inc provides an open, welcoming and safe environment in training, professional development and swim programs.

Working with Children Check (WWCC) legislation aims to prevent people who pose a risk from working with children as paid employees or volunteers. There is no single national framework setting out requirements for obtaining a WWCC or Police Checks.

Every state, territory and country implements their own procedures in relation to child protection. It is therefore imperative that individuals working in specific jurisdictions adopt the requirements of that particular state and/or territory. Set out below is a summary for swim teachers, volunteers and representatives of Water Skills For Life Inc to ensure they comply with appropriate legislation. The information is current as of May 2018.

NEW SOUTH WALES A WWCC is a requirement for people who work or volunteer in child-related work. It involves a national criminal history check and a review of findings of workplace misconduct. The result of a WWCC is either a clearance to work with children for five years, or a bar against working with children. Cleared applicants are subject to ongoing monitoring and relevant new records may lead to the clearance being revoked. The WWCC is fully portable so it can be used for any paid or unpaid child-related work in NSW for as long as the worker remains cleared. Water Skills For Life volunteers who assist in programs where contact with children is made and over the age of 18 are required to apply for a WWCC prior to commencing volunteering. Volunteers under 18 years of age cannot apply for a WWCC.

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>

NSW Volunteer, Swim Teacher current for 5 years Child Protection (Working With Children) Act 2012. Cost: Volunteer: Free Employee: \$80 00 Letter Only