

CHILD PROTECTION

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WHERE ARE WE NOW

- District Child Protection Policy on website.
- Club Child Protection Policy
- Rotary International Youth Protection Manual
- This manual provides processes – plus
- Appointment of a Youth Protection Officer.
- A succession plan for this position.
- Every matter relating to youth abuse or sexual
- Harassment **MUST** be investigated by the Youth Protection Officer.



All records relating to investigations are to be retained by the Youth Protection Officer.

The process of investigation is set out in the RI Youth Protection Manual which is on the District Website.

The NSW Government has introduced legislation requiring persons working in child events or activities to have a ‘Working with Children Clearance’

Each club must maintain a register of persons who have a WWC clearance.

Clubs must have in place a Verification Officer who maintains the records of the WWC numbers.

Each Club must forward contact details of their Verification Officer to the District Youth Protection Officer.

Each Club taking part in the Youth Exchange Program must ensure their members are compliant with the District YEP Committee requirements as well as the WWC legislation.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU RECEIVE A REPORT OF ABUSE?

Make a record of the time, date and any conversation you have with the complainant.

If it relates to sexual abuse, contact the Police immediately. Do not interrogate the complainant.

Contact the Youth Protection Officer who will-

Take over investigation and liaise with Police

When appropriate, interview the complainant and invite them to have a support person.



Conduct interview and record digitally.

Download interview and send away to be transcribed.

Supply a copy of the transcript to the complainant.

Conduct interview with the ‘other’ party and invite them to have a support person with them.

Compile a comprehensive report for the information of the District Governor and Rotary International.