

Child Protection Policy

The Victorian Government has introduced compulsory minimum [standards](#), which apply to organisations that provide services for children, to protect children from all forms of abuse. The Child Safety Standards (Standards) came into effect on 1 January 2017. These have been updated to come into effect July 1 2022

Little Athletics Victoria (LAVic) and its affiliated Centres must comply with these Standards.

To meet obligations under the Standards, LAVic have adopted the [LAA National Child Protection Policy](#) (Policy) and has issued the following Statement of Commitment to Child Safety.

Statement of Commitment

LAVic has a zero tolerance to child abuse, is committed to acting in children's best interest and keeping them safe, and actively works to empower children. We value diversity and do not tolerate any discrimination practices.

To achieve this we will:

- *Promote the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal children and their families.*
- *Promote the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds and their families.*
- *Welcome children with a disability and their families and act to promote their participation.*

The adoption of the Policy and Statement of Commitment will enable LAVic to create consistent policies and procedures in line with the Standards and will influence organisational and community culture on child safety.

The [LAA National Child Protection Policy](#) is available on the LA Australia website.

Williamstown Little Athletics Centre has adopted the Policy and Statement of Commitment to Child Safety.

All Committee members hold a valid WWC card and have read and agreed to the LAVIC [Code Of Conduct](#)

WLAC has an appointed Child Safety Officer, who is responsible for keeping the Centre and Clubs up to date with Policy requirements, and providing assistance and guidance in related issues at the Centre.

If you have any questions on child safety please contact our Child Safety Officer via williamstown@lavic.com.au

Working With Children Check



The Working with Children Check (WWC) was implemented to protect our children from harm from Physical Contact to face-to-face communication.

All Centre committee members, chief officials, coaches, and volunteers without children at the Centre require a current WWC Check.

Now with technology playing a huge part in our children's lives, the WWC Check also incorporates electronic, written and oral communication to protect children from on-line predators. For Williamstown LAC, this means that whoever manages websites and social media for the Centre must also have a current WWC Check.

To apply for the WWC Check (it's free!), please go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au. If you have any questions regarding the WWC Check, please contact the Centre's Child Safety Officer at williamstown@lavic.com.au