



St John

St John Child Safety Organisational Statement

As an organisation that regularly works with children, St John Ambulance Australia (Victoria) believes that every child has the right to be emotionally and physically safe at all times. St John has a duty of care to ensure all children who are involved in or receiving our services are protected from harm and we are committed to promoting a culture where children are listened to and feel empowered. We have a zero-tolerance approach toward the abuse and mistreatment of children.

St John has taken significant steps to build upon existing practices, adopting a comprehensive and proactive approach to child protection and safety consistent with the Victorian Child Safety Standards. We will provide a robust complaints process in relation to child sexual and related abuse and ensure that complainants receive an appropriate response in a timely, compassionate, just and equitable manner. We will continue to develop and implement initiatives to embed child safety measures that identify, mitigate and manage risk to children and protects them from harm.

We recruit, educate and support our employees and volunteers to be advocates in the safety of the children in our programs and services. We promote diversity, and people from all cultures and backgrounds are welcome, including indigenous children, those from cultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds and children with a disability.

St John strives to be a Centre of Excellence in Child Safety so that children, parents and the community can be comfortable in the knowledge that child safety is a priority for St John and that their children are in safe hands.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Botwright'.

Gordon Botwright
Chief Executive Officer

