



Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

PURPOSE

Seymour Health has zero tolerance to child abuse and therefore promotes a culture of safety for children and younger people throughout the organisation.

Statement

Seymour Health is guided by the Victorian Child Safe Standards and as such is committed to child safety and the promotion of children and younger people's health and wellbeing.

Seymour Health:

- Has zero tolerance for child abuse
- Actively works to listen to and empower children
- Has systems to protect children from abuse, and will take all allegations and concerns very seriously and respond to them consistently in line with the organisation's policies and procedures
- Is committed to promoting cultural safety for Aboriginal children, cultural safety for children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability.

Our organisation takes our legal responsibilities seriously, including:

- Failure to disclose: Reporting child sexual abuse is a community-wide responsibility. All adults in Victoria who have a reasonable belief that an adult has committed a sexual offence against a child under 16 have an obligation to report that information to the police.
- Failure to protect: People of authority in our organisation will commit an offence if they know of a substantial risk of child sexual abuse and have the power or responsibility to reduce or remove the risk, but negligently fail to do so.

Any personnel who are mandatory reporters must comply with their duties.