



QUEENSLAND RUGBY LEAGUE

CHILD & YOUTH RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

WHY WE HAVE THIS STRATEGY

Every child and young person should feel **safe, supported and respected** in rugby league.

This strategy explains how QRL works to spot risks early, prevent harm and respond when something is not okay.

OUR PROMISE:



- Children and young people come first
- Your views and experiences matter
- Everyone shares responsibility for safety
- We keep learning and improving

WHERE IT APPLIES

The strategy applies wherever rugby league happens, including:

- Games, training, events, meetings and camps
- Clubs, venues and competitions
- Team chats, messaging apps, social media and other online spaces

WHO MUST FOLLOW IT?



Everyone involved in QRL activities - players, coaches, volunteers, officials, staff, families, spectators, clubs and leagues.

HOW QRL MANAGES RISKS



We do not wait for someone to be harmed.
We use four steps:

- 1 IDENTIFY:** Notice what could make a child unsafe.
- 2 ASSESS:** Think about how likely it is and how serious the harm could be.
- 3 CONTROL:** Put rules, actions and safeguards in place.
- 4 MONITOR:** Check that the safeguards are working and improve them when needed in place.



RISKS WE LOOK OUT FOR



- Bullying, teasing, racism or leaving someone out
- Grooming or an adult crossing personal boundaries
- Unsafe coaching, supervision, facilities or travel
- Unsafe messages, photos, videos or online behaviour
- Privacy breaches or sharing personal information
- People not being properly screened or trained

YOUR VOICE MAKES RUGBY LEAGUE SAFER

- Tell us when something feels unsafe, unfair or uncomfortable
- Share ideas about how your club can improve
- Ask questions if a rule or decision affects you



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WHAT SAFE RUGBY LEAGUE LOOKS LIKE



SAFE PLACES

- Places are maintained, accessible and properly supervised
- One-on-one situations in isolated places are avoided where possible



SAFE BEHAVIOUR

- Adults are respectful, follow the rules and keep appropriate boundaries
- Bullying, grooming, abuse and harmful behaviour are acted on early



SAFE ONLINE

- Adults do not privately message children about rugby league
- Photos and videos are only shared with permission
- Private information is protected



IF SOMETHING FEELS WRONG



Speak up if you feel unsafe, uncomfortable or worried, or if you are worried about someone else.

You do not need proof. If something does not feel right, it is okay to tell someone.

TELL SOMEONE STRAIGHT AWAY IF:

- A child or young person may be hurt or in danger
- An adult is acting in a way that feels wrong
- Someone is crossing personal boundaries or grooming
- There is harmful behaviour in person or online, or a near-miss shows something may be unsafe

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Be kind, respectful and inclusive
- Follow safety rules and speak up about risks
- Ask before taking or sharing photos or videos
- Tell a trusted adult if something feels wrong



WHO CAN HELP YOU

Choose someone you trust, such as:

- A parent, carer or other trusted adult
- Your coach, team manager or club official
- A Support Squad Member or Member Protection Information Officer
- A QRL Integrity Officer or Regional Manager



REMEMBER:

Your safety comes first. You will be listened to and supported. Information will be handled carefully, and you should not be treated badly for speaking up honestly.