

# Fleurieu Equestrian Clubs Inc

Fleurieu Horse and Pony Club

Yankalilla District Equestrian Club

## Handling Allegations of Child Abuse Procedure

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Summary	This procedure describes how reports are made when child abuse is suspected.
Policy reference	This policy supports the South Australian legislative requirements
Related Policies	<a href="#">FEC Child Safe Environment Policy 2020</a> <a href="#">FEC Code of Conduct 2020</a>
Applies to	This policy applies to Fleurieu Equestrian Clubs members, volunteers and visitors

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**All people working with Fleurieu Equestrian Clubs in a paid or unpaid capacity have a duty to report any concerns to the appropriate authorities, following the steps outlined below.**

### **What to report?**

You do not have to have proof. If you suspect that a child (anyone under 18) is at risk of harm, report it immediately. Your report needs to include a statement of your observations, information and opinions on which you base your suspicions.

You cannot be sued if you report your suspicions in good faith.

It is illegal for anyone to try and stop you from making a report by doing any of the following:

- threatening you
- intimidating you
- causing you damage, loss or disadvantage.

### **How to report**

If you believe a child is in immediate danger or in a life-threatening situation, contact the police immediately by dialling 000.

By PHONE - To report your suspicions (on reasonable grounds) that a child or young person is, or may be at risk, call the 24-hour Child Abuse Report Line on 13 14 78.

**All serious concerns must be reported via the Child Abuse Report Line (13 14 78) and must not be submitted via eCARL.**

ONLINE - Refer to the [Reporting child abuse fact sheet \(PDF, 338.4 KB\)](#) for more details. To make a report online you must register and login to the [online child protection reporting system](#). For help, see the [instructions for using the online child protection reporting system \(PDF, 274.0 KB\)](#).

### **What happens next?**

You may also report your suspicions to the club president of Child Safety Officer.

### **More information:**

All mandated notifiers are able to go through FREE online training in Play by the Rules' [Child Protection Online Course](#) and [Harassment and Discrimination Online Course](#)

**Dissemination of procedure:** A copy of this procedure is to be kept on the club grounds and available on the website. Details will be shared on social media as appropriate.

### **References/attached documents**

#### Reference Documents

[Children and Young People \(Safety\) Act 2017.](#)

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