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Fact Sheet

REPORTING IS RESPONSIBLE

Little Athletics Australia recognises that regardless of mandatory reporting legislation, anyone who has reasonable grounds should report known or suspected harm to a child or young person.

Do you need to speak to someone?

Bravehearts: 1800 272 831



What do I do if I have concerns about a child's safety?

What are your responsibilities? The responsibilities include:

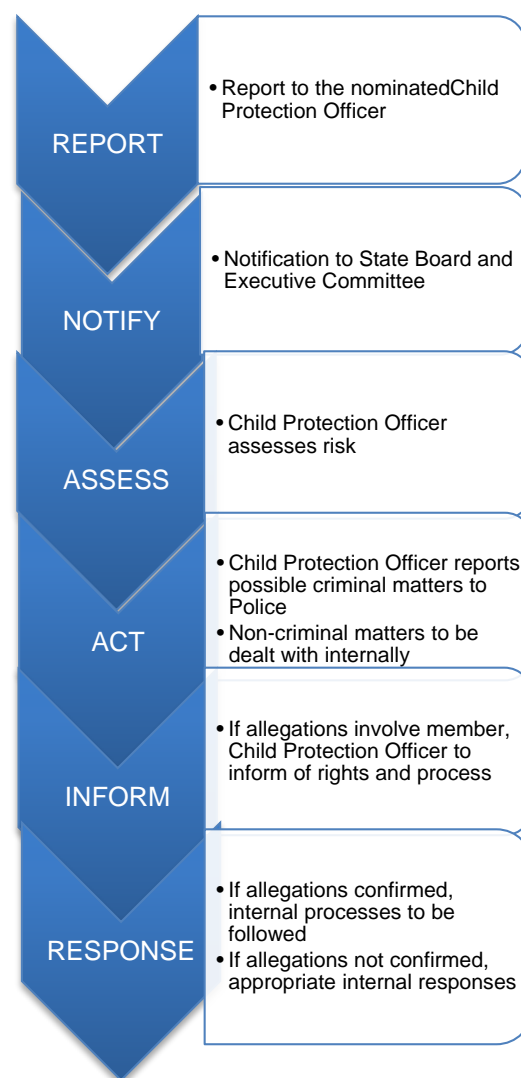
- **LAA** staff, volunteers and Committee members are obliged to report any disclosures made to them, or concerns based on reasonable grounds, that a child has been sexually assaulted or has been abused or neglected.
- **LAA** staff, volunteers and Committee members are obliged to make a notification if they believe on reasonable grounds that child is in need of protection.
- **LAA** staff, volunteers and Committee members are obliged to make a notification if they believe they have acted or said something that may be interpreted as sexual or harmful.
- **LAA** staff, volunteers and Committee members do not have to prove that the abuse has occurred.

What should you report? In line with LAA policy, some of the circumstances under which should report should be made include:

- ✓ If a child discloses sexual, physical, psychological or emotional harm or neglect.
- ✓ If a third party, such as a parent, relative or friend of a child tells you that a child has been sexually, physically, psychologically or emotionally harmed or neglected.
- ✓ If you have directly observed harmful behaviour perpetrated on a child.
- ✓ If there are any clear signs of physical or sexual harm.

While it is not the responsibility of anyone working or volunteering at Little Athletics to make a decision about whether or not a child has been harmed, we all have a duty to act on any concerns we have by reporting. This information sheet provides a summary of our reporting process.

Summary of Little Athletics Australia reporting procedure:



For our full Child Protection Policy visit: [\(Hyperlink to CP Policy on LA's website\)](#)