

Netball Australia Fact Sheet

Child Safe Associations/Clubs

(Extract from Choose with Care – Building Child Safe Organisations – ECPAT 2001)

Low Risk

- Involve older, less dependent and able bodied children
- Takes place in full view of people and in open plan environments
- Have high adult/child ratio
- Have active parent involvement
- Do not involve bodily contact
- Are accompanied by active supervision by trained personnel
- Shorter sessions

Medium Risk

- Children are younger and more dependent
- View of activity is obscured
- There is minimal supervision
- There is less parent involvement
- There are policies and procedures but they are not actively implemented
- They are held at external locations – excursions/walks
- There are some physical activities with children

High Risk

- Involve very young children and/or vulnerable children
- Take place out of sight
- Involves personal contact
- Have low adult/child ratios
- Have no supervision
- Include overnight stays
- Take place in a private home or in isolated settings

Factors that will decrease the risk of child abuse from occurring include:

- Thorough screening of volunteers
- High adult/child ratio
- High levels of parent involvement
- High levels of experienced and trained personnel (ie coaches)
- Limited opportunities for adults to be alone with children
- Use facility/venue with very high visibility of all spaces.
- Open doors
- Enforced behavioural and procedural guidelines
- Regular supervision