

"I commend Scouts Australia NSW for making a positive contribution to making child-safe, child-friendly organisations a reality."

Scouts NSW has a Child Protection Policy and Procedures encapsulating and strengthening the risk management practices previously in place for protection of children.

For over 50 years, while there was no legal requirement for the screening of Leaders, Scouts has insisted that all Leaders undergo an interview, have referees, and submit to full Police Criminal Record Checks, conducted both at the time of their application and randomly on an ongoing basis throughout their service at Scouts.

Under the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012, the Office of Children's Guardian now manages the WWCC process, and oversees an important aspect of the screening and standards for those who work or volunteer with children and young people. Scouts Australia NSW is being phased into the WWCC process during 2015. Both during and after this time, Scouts will continue its current long-standing practice of insisting that all Uniform Adult Members undergo an interview, have referees, and submit to full Police Criminal Record Checks, conducted both at the time of their application and randomly on an ongoing basis throughout their service with Scouts Australia NSW.

We also have a Child Protection Team which oversees child protection issues and supports our Members. This team, under the leadership of the Assistant Chief Commissioner (Issues Management), is made up of individuals whose qualifications are allied to the task.

Any complaints are acted upon swiftly and decisively. Scouts Australia NSW always refers those matters that fall within their respective jurisdictions to the Police and the Community Services. Other matters are dealt with in accordance with set procedures under the team's supervision.

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[Parents' Child Protection Guide](#)

[The Child Protection Policy](#)

[The Child Protection Procedures](#)

[Reporting Child Protection Concerns](#)

Working with Children Checks (WWCC)

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Child Protection Team

Please report any child protection matters to the Scouts Australia NSW Child Protect Team:

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