

From: Communications NSW [REDACTED]
 Subject: A message from the CEO about Safeguarding and the Australian Childhood Foundation audit
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 To: All YMCA Staff [REDACTED]

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO - LEISA HART

What:

From 10-24 October, the Australian Childhood Foundation (ACF) will conduct an audit of YMCA NSW. This audit forms part of the YMCA NSW's application to ACF for accreditation as a child-safe organisation and seeks to determine that:

- YMCA NSW is serious about its commitment to safeguarding and has put in place measures to support our staff when it comes to safeguarding
- All YMCA NSW staff members are aware of their responsibilities towards safeguarding children and young people at the Y.



Click the image above to watch a video in which YMCA NSW CEO Leisa Hart details the resources for Y staff that explain our commitment to Safeguarding, our policies and procedures and relevant practical information, such as the reporting process for incidents and relevant contacts.

[Resources that are available on the YHUB in the Safeguarding section include:](#)

1. The Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Guide for Staff brochure – printed copies are available in centres/pdf version is on YHub
2. How Can You Keep Your YMCA Safe poster for clients and staff – printed posters to be displayed in centres
3. New Client Handbooks for each business area – printed copies will arrive in centres in the coming week / pdf versions available on YMCA NSW website
4. YMCA NSW Practice and Behaviour Guidelines for Children and Young People and YMCA NSW Standards of Conduct for Clients posters – printed copies will arrive in centres in the coming week and are to be displayed in centres
5. YMCA NSW meeting templates – available to download via YHub in the Business Operations section.

[Click here to access the Safeguarding materials on YHub](#)

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Action for staff:

- Familiarise yourself with the range of resources described above and in the video
- Ensure printed materials are prominently displayed
- Over the coming weeks, your manager will present this information on Safeguarding in a workshop setting. Please use this as an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about Safeguarding or the ACF audit.

For more information, contact Liz Durrell

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Kind Regards,

**Leisa Hart,
CEO YMCA NSW**

