

# Commitment to Child Safety

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## Child Safe Standards

The Victorian Government has introduced child safe standards to improve the way organisations that provide services and programs for children prevent and respond to allegations of child abuse that may occur within their organisation.

The standards aim to drive cultural change in organisations so that protecting children from abuse is embedded in the everyday thinking and practice of leaders, staff and volunteers. This will assist organisations to:

- prevent child abuse
- encourage reporting of any abuse that does occur and
- improve responses to any allegations of child abuse.

## GPAC's commitment to Children and Young People

All children working with or engaged by GPAC have a right to feel and be safe, respected, valued and protected from harm. All children and young people should be made aware of and feel confident in their rights and responsibilities.

GPAC is strongly committed to the safety and well-being of all children that interact with our organisation as employees, audience members, education program participants, hirers or otherwise by creating and maintaining a child safe environment. The welfare of children entrusted under our care is our first priority and we have zero tolerance for child abuse.

## For Further Information:

GPAC has a Child Safe Policy outlining a framework for managing and reducing the risk of harm to children and young people engaging with GPAC.

We have appointed Child Safety Officers who are the first point of contact for all enquiries in relation to the safety and well-being of children engaged us.

Child Safety Officers are appointed from the following areas of our organisation:

- Front of House
- Stage Door
- GPAC Management
- Youth and Education
- Finance and Administration

To contact a Child Safe Officer, please speak to the Executive Assistant to the General Manager, who will arrange contact with a Child Safety Officer for you. The number is 5225 1213