

Pony Club is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in our activities. The Child Safeguarding Club Program is just a way of having a look at a few opportunities to promote and create a child safe environment at our club.

What is this program?

The Child Safeguarding Club Program is a series of checklists to help your club systematically put in place practices that help to create a child-safe environment at your club.

Does our club need to do this program?

The Child Safeguarding Club Program is a voluntary program however every club must ensure they are aware of and implement child safe practices at their club. The Child Safeguarding Club Program aims to help clubs systematically make changes or think about how we as an organisation can promote and provide a child-safe environment for children participating in Pony Club.

How does the program work?

The Child Safeguarding Club Program is a series of checklists aimed at helping your club to identify activities or actions to undertake to help embed child-safe practices at your club. We recommend you set an agenda item for your club meetings and circulate the checklist each month, then check off the actions or activities on the list. If your club has done everything on the list, great! ... If not nominate someone to work toward putting in place what you don't have!

This month's topic – Promotion & Communication

The program begins with promotion and communication. Policies help to define expected behaviours therefore communicating these policies lets people know what is expected of them or of others while participating in Pony Club. Promotion and communication of policies is a vital part of embedding behaviours and practices! The checklist provides some ideas to help promote and communicate the child safe practices.

CHECKLIST

1. [Place or link the Child Safe Commitment on your website.](#)
2. [Place or link the Child Safe Policy on your website.](#)
3. Put the Child Safe Commitment in your newsletter at least once a year.
4. Put the Child Safe Policy in your newsletter at least once a year.
5. Send the Child Safe Commitment to your members at least once a year.
6. Send the Child Safe Policy to your members at least once a year.
7. [Post Child Safe information sheets in your club rooms.](#)
8. Talk about the club's child safeguarding initiatives at your AGM.
9. [Promote the PCA complaints form for breaches of the Child Safeguarding policy.](#)

Please let us know via this feedback form of any ideas, challenges, questions or activities you are currently undertaking to ensure your club is promoting child safe practices. [FEEDBACK FORM](#)

A couple of resources for you:

1. [Child Safeguarding - Pony Club Australia](#)
2. [Sport Integrity Australia – Child Safe Resources](#)