

# CHILD SAFETY

## Midvale Early Childhood and Parenting Centre

At MECPC, the safety, wellbeing and rights of children are our highest priority. We are committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment where every child is treated with respect and care.

### **Our commitment to child safety**

We believe:

- All children have the right to feel safe, supported and heard
- Children are active participants in their own safety
- Strong partnerships with families help keep children safe

We have a **zero tolerance for any form of abuse, neglect or harm.**

### **How we keep children safe**

To protect children at MECPC, we:

- Ensure all educators and staff have Working With Children Checks
- Provide regular child safety and mandatory reporting training
- Follow clear policies and procedures for supervision, safe practices and behaviour guidance
- Create environments that support physical and emotional safety
- Teach children about protective behaviours in age-appropriate ways
- Listen carefully to children and take all concerns seriously
- Work in partnership with families and relevant agencies
- Meet our legal responsibilities under the Education and Care Services National Law and Regulations

### **Speaking up about child safety**

We encourage families to speak with us if they have:

- A concern about their child's safety or wellbeing
- A question about our child safety practices
- Information they feel we should know

You can raise concerns with:

- Your child's educator
- The Centre's Coordinator
- Concerns are treated **confidentially**, respectfully, and with care.

## Our promise to families

- Children and families will never be disadvantaged for raising safety concerns
- All concerns are taken seriously and handled in line with the law
- Feedback helps us reflect, improve and strengthen our service

Keeping children safe is a shared responsibility, and we thank families for partnering with us.

## Reporting child safety concerns to external agencies

Families may also contact external agencies at any time. You do **not** need proof to make a report.

### If a child is in immediate danger


**WA Police – Emergency**

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### Concerns for a child's wellbeing or safety

**Department of Communities – Child Protection**

 **Central Intake Team: 1800 273 889**


 Report concerns online via the WA Government website

**Crisis Care (after hours support)**

 **1800 199 008**

### Concerns about an education and care service

**Education and Care Regulatory Unit (ECRU)**


 **1800 199 383 or (08) 6277 3889**

 [ECRU@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:ECRU@communities.wa.gov.au)

 Department of Communities – ECRU

### Reporting suspected child abuse

**WA Police – Child Abuse Squad / Non-urgent**

 **131 444** or report online