

# Child Safety Statements of Commitment

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*The community of Ausdance WA acknowledges the Traditional Owners of all Lands and Countries on this continent. We pay particular respect to Elders, Cultural and Community Leaders, and emerging leaders. With this understanding of the country's First Peoples, we are grateful for our place in learning and serving dance, Arts and Culture in Western Australia. Always Was. Always Will Be.*

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### What is a Statement of Commitment?

A Statement of Commitment is a public declaration of intent, outlining a dedication to uphold certain values, principles or actions.

### Why is this important?

A Child Safety statement serves two purposes:

1. It demonstrates that child safeguarding is a priority for your studio, raising awareness about child safety, and setting clear expectations for everyone within your organisation and community. This commitment is crucial for fostering a safe environment where children can thrive and feel empowered.
2. By promoting a culture of child safety, the studio can reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect within its environment. This is in part due to an increased awareness by staff, volunteers, family and students to improve child safety practices generally, and, as a result, opportunities for harm are reduced and potential offenders are deterred.

(For more information on 'Understanding types of offenders' and 'Offender Profile types', see Page 8 and 9 of Sport Integrity Australia's [A guide for managing high-risk activities](#).)

### Where should I use a Statement of Commitment?

A Statement of Commitment should be displayed somewhere public in a high-traffic area.

Physically, this might be on a printed document at your studio entrance or admin desk, and/or in the studio itself to remind children and young people, staff and volunteers of their ongoing intention. Online, this might be on your Home or About Us page on your website, or as a regular feature or footer in school newsletters to your community.

## Statements of Commitment Samples

The samples below are general in nature. Please feel free to adapt these statements to reflect your studio's unique values and practices.

### Sample 1: General Statement (brief)

*[Name of Studio or Business] is committed to creating a safe environment for all children and young people involved in dance. We are doing this by working through the implementation of the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations. For more information about how [Name of Studio or Business] is creating a safe and supported environment for young people, contact [Name, Position, Studio or Business].*

### Sample 2: General Statement (extended)

*At [Name of Studio or Business], we are dedicated to fostering a safe and supportive environment where children can thrive. In line with the 10 National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, we have developed and implemented enhanced safeguarding practices that prioritise the safety, wellbeing, and participation of every child. These principles guide our approach to embedding child safety into our leadership, culture, and daily operations.*

*We are committed to continuous improvement, ensuring that our policies and practices evolve to meet the highest standards of child protection. Our staff and volunteers are trained and supported to uphold these standards, and we actively engage with children and families to promote a culture of safety and respect. We uphold a zero-tolerance policy towards child abuse and are committed to acting in the best interests of children to keep them safe from harm.*

### Sample 3: Position Statement

*[Dance Studio/School Name]*

*At [Dance Studio/School Name], we are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment for all children and young people who participate in our programs. We believe that every young person has the right to feel and be safe, valued, and respected in all aspects of their involvement in dance.*

*We acknowledge our responsibility to promote the physical, emotional, and cultural safety of every child and young person, regardless of their background, abilities, gender, race, religion, or identity. This includes a strong commitment to the wellbeing and protection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disability, and those who may be at greater risk of harm or exclusion.*

*Our studio/business actively works to:*

- Create and maintain safe and inclusive spaces where children and young people feel empowered to express themselves through dance.*
- Support a culture of respect, integrity, and accountability among staff, volunteers, students, and families.*
- Implement and regularly review policies and procedures that prioritise child safety and align with relevant child protection laws and the 10 National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.*
- Ensure all staff, volunteers, and contractors undergo appropriate screening and receive ongoing training in child safety and best practice safeguarding approaches.*
- Encourage feedback and open communication from children, families, and the wider community to continuously improve our practices.*

*We understand that child safety is an ongoing responsibility, and we are committed to evolving and strengthening our approaches as part of our continuous improvement process. Our leadership and teaching teams are dedicated to fostering environments where all children and young people can learn, grow, and thrive through the joy and discipline of dance.*

*Signed,*

*[Name]*

*[Position – e.g., Director, Principal]*

*[Dance Studio/School Name]*

*[Date]*