



1.0 Purpose

Redland Bushwalkers is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all members, including children and young people. Although we are primarily an adult bushwalking club and do not run activities specifically for children or families, we recognise our responsibility to ensure that any child involved in our activities is safe and respected.

2.0 Scope

This policy applies to all members, volunteers, leaders, participants and committee members of Redland Bushwalkers.

3.0 Commitment to Child Safety

We are committed to:

- Promoting the safety and wellbeing of children involved in our club
- Preventing child abuse by identifying and removing risks as far as possible
- Ensuring that any concerns about child safety are reported and addressed appropriately

4.0 Participation by Children

Children under 18 may only participate in club activities:

- With the knowledge and consent of their parent or guardian
- Under the direct supervision of a responsible adult (usually the parent or guardian)
- When the activity is deemed appropriate and safe for their participation

The club does not run activities specifically for children or families. We do not provide child supervision or child-specific programming.

5.0 Expected Behaviour

All members are expected to:

- Treat children and young people with respect and courtesy
- Avoid any conduct that could be construed as inappropriate or harmful
- Report any child safety concerns to the Club President or Secretary

6.0 Reporting Concerns

If any member has a concern about the safety of a child in connection with club activities, they should report it as soon as possible to the Club President or Secretary. Serious concerns will be referred to the appropriate authorities.

7.0 Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years or earlier if legislation or club circumstances change.

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8.0 Attachment – Child Safety Policy Directive, Bushwalking Queensland, 15 August 2025



Child Safety Policy - Directive

The Bushwalking Australia Insurance Contract Manager, Alan Sauran, has asked that clubs adopt a Child Safety Policy. This follows concern by the Public Liability insurers after some clubs answered YES to the child participation question on the Insurance Questionnaire but did not have a Child Safety Policy in place.

This directive is aimed at all clubs whether or not they permit children's participation in club walks or other events either as members, temporary members or visitors. Other events could include socials or meetings.

The understanding is that children would normally be accompanied and supervised by a parent, guardian or relative, e.g. on 'grandparent walks'. However a Child Safety Policy needs to be in place and implemented for other contingencies (such as a school friend of a member's child attending).

A child is anyone under age 18. The child's parent or guardian is required to complete the activity attendance record and Acknowledgement Of Risk on behalf of a child.

BWQ has been asked to respond within one month whether this directive has been implemented by all affiliated clubs.

A Child Safety Policy template is attached for adaptation to suit your club, or clubs can create their own. Thanks in anticipation of your club's response in this matter.

Please Note: If a club event is conducted specifically for children the club should self-assess if Blue Cards are required and contact the appropriate government authority for advice if in doubt.

This link addresses clubs:

[Blue cards for churches, clubs and associations | Your rights, crime and the law | Queensland Government](#)

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President

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