

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

BACKGROUND

At the National Board of Directors meeting in October 2004 it was proposed that National Child Protection Guidelines be drafted to provide an overarching policy and set of principles that ensure State/Territory alignment with local legislative requirements; that the Priory Solicitor review the changes.

DRAFT POLICY AND PRINCIPLES

1. As an organisation working with children, Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited (TBA):
 - (a) recognises that children, as individuals, have the right to be treated with dignity and respect, free from emotional and physical danger, abuse and neglect.
 - (b) places the highest priority on its responsibility to ensure that the children for whom it has a duty of care are protected against people and events which may cause them harm.
2. In each State and Territory and each affiliated association, TBA will have Child Protection Policy and procedures which assist its members in complying with the relevant Child Protection legislation. The policies and procedures must include:
 - (a) protocols for the screening of new members for criminal convictions or other concerned behaviours relating to minors.
 - (b) protocols for ensuring that all members are educated about:
 - (i) what constitutes emotional and physical danger, abuse and neglect.
 - (ii) who is responsible for reporting emotional and physical danger, abuse and neglect, and the penalties and consequences for failing to report emotional and physical danger, abuse and neglect.
 - (iii) how to report emotional and physical danger, abuse and neglect to the relevant authorities.
3. The policies and procedures must be reviewed every 12 months to ensure that:
 - (a) the information and advice contained within them is up to date.
 - (b) any deficiencies that have been identified within them are rectified.
 - (c) each State and Territory and affiliated association as part of the annual audit process (Standards and Quality Measures) confirms compliance to these requirements.