



Commitment to Child Safety

Desert Blue Connect is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all children and young people who engage with our services.

We recognise that children and young people have the right to feel safe, to be respected, and to be protected from harm, abuse, neglect and exploitation. The safety and wellbeing of children is our highest priority.

Desert Blue Connect has a **zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and harm**. We are committed to creating and maintaining a child safe culture where the rights, voices, and participation of children and young people are valued and respected.

We are committed to:

Protecting children and young people

- Ensuring that all children and young people who access our services are treated with dignity, respect and care.
- Providing environments where children feel safe, supported, and able to speak up.

Listening to children and young people

- Encouraging children and young people to express their views and participate in decisions that affect them.
- Taking all concerns, disclosures, and complaints seriously.

Safe people and safe practices

- Ensuring all staff, volunteers, and contractors are appropriately screened, trained and supported to work safely with children.
- Maintaining clear policies, procedures, and professional standards that prioritise child safety.

Responding to concerns

- Acting immediately when concerns about child safety arise.
- Meeting all mandatory reporting obligations and cooperating with child protection authorities.

Continuous improvement


- Regularly reviewing our policies, practices, and training to strengthen our child safe culture and practices.

Desert Blue Connect is committed to upholding the **National Principles for Child Safe Organisations** and ensuring that child safety remains embedded in all aspects of our governance, leadership, and service delivery.

We encourage anyone who has concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child to raise them with us.

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