

# REPORTING SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE

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**'Child Abuse' means any type of abuse (including physical, emotional, psychological, sexual and inappropriate use of power) that has caused, is causing or is likely to cause harm to a person's wellbeing, whether in person or as the result of a publication viewable by any other person by any means.**

**If you see or experience something that makes you feel unsafe you have the right to say something:**

If at any stage you experience, hear, or see something that makes you or a teammate feel uncomfortable, upset or unsafe you should let your parent/caregiver or an adult in basketball know.

When trusted adults know what is happening, they can get you or your team mates the help you need to feel safe.

**What happens if you or your family want to make a complaint:**

If something has happened that has made you feel uncomfortable, scared or discriminated against in basketball you can speak to any adult official in basketball who you trust.

After you have explained what has happened, an adult will tell you what options there are and explain the process to follow.

If something serious and illegal has happened to you, an adult may contact Victoria Police or another Government organisation to make sure you and other young people are safe from harm.

## Reporting suspected child abuse flowchart

KBAs reporting procedure aligns with Basketball Victoria, as well as the Victorian Child Safe Standards. The following flowchart aims to help guide all KBA employees, volunteers and participants on the steps to follow when making a report.



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As an adult involved in basketball, you play a vital role in protecting children and young people from abuse and harm.

If you suspect, on reasonable grounds, that a child or young person has been abused or is at risk or abuse, you must follow the steps below to report your concern.

*Abuse is any conduct that includes 'Child Abuse' (physical, sexual, emotional or psychological, neglect, exposure to family violence), 'Grooming', 'Supply of alcohol or drugs'.*



## KBA Child Safety Advisor

KBA have appointed Nicole Flynn as Child Safety Advisor with the specific responsibility for responding to any complaints made by staff, volunteers, parents, or children.

All complaints will be taken seriously and responded to promptly. KBA will cooperate with law enforcement agencies as required.

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