

DISTRICT 9810
YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY
KEY POINTS

- ❖ Full policy will be on District Website next week
- ❖ The policy applies to:
 - All Rotary Clubs within D9810
 - All associated Rotary controlled programs, projects and entities
 - All Rotaract Clubs within D9810
 - Interact Clubs covered under Schools policies
- ❖ This policy covers all youth programs of all clubs and of District including RYLA even though those participants are aged over 18
- ❖ Obligation of Club Presidents and Members:
 - Understand obligations under this policy and act to eliminate incidents occurring
 - Make sure all participants in youth programs understand obligations
 - Understand the incident reporting system
- ❖ The Club Protection Officer is responsible for the administration of this Policy
- ❖ The District Club Protection Coordinator is responsible to oversee the administration of this policy
- ❖ All volunteers are required to comply with the terms of this policy
 - Club to ensure that volunteers understand this obligation
 - Policy also applies to “visitors” to programs such as: journalists; photographers; celebrities; parents of participants etc.
- ❖ Coordinators of all Club and District youth programs must undertake a Risk Assessment and lodge same with District Insurance Officer and District Club Protection Coordinator at least one month prior to program
- ❖ All leaders and volunteers MUST hold a current Working With Children Registration Card
- ❖ It is mandatory for all D9810 participants to report concerns or allegations of youth or child abuse to the District Club Protection Coordinator, who shall as deemed appropriate, report the incident to Police or Child Protection Authorities
- ❖ A club must address any and all allegations of violation
- ❖ Responsibilities under this policy:

- Governor must ensure that all clubs are aware of this policy – PETS/Assembly
 - Incoming Presidents will need to sign a register that they have received a briefing
 - Incoming Presidents that do not attend session at PETS or Assembly MUST have a separate briefing and sign register
- District Club Protection Coordinator:
 - Randomly audit club record keeping of volunteers and WWC checks
 - Maintain register of allegations
 - Report to each District Board Meeting on status of allegations
 - Provide training to clubs on the policy

Comments or enquiries

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This briefing note serves only as a guide to the policy and any inconsistencies that may exist between these dot points and the policy shall be interpreted in favour of the complete document.

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