



About this document

This document is provided as a supplementary document to the Girl Guides Australia (GGA) Child Safe Child Friendly (CSCF) Policy. In particular, it supports the Procedures for Element 10 – Girl Guiding in Practise: Clause 18: Duty of Care and Supervision

Girl Guiding in Australia (GGiA) has always been committed to providing a safe space for girls.

GGiA demonstrates this commitment to providing a Child Safe Child Friendly Community for all Youth Members by having in place the GGA Child Safe Child Friendly Framework.

GGiA can only provide a Child Safe Child Friendly Community when there is an Adult Member of Girl Guiding in Australia providing supervision. Youth Members remain in the care and custody of their parent/guardian at all other times.

Dropping off and picking up Youth Members

Parents/guardians must ensure there is an Adult Member of Girl Guides onsite and that their daughter is 'checked in' with the Adult Member before leaving their daughter at any Girl Guide activity. Parents/guardians are also responsible for 'checking-out' their daughter with an Adult Member and picking up promptly at the end of any Girl Guide activity.

Girl Guides is not responsible for the care of Youth Members when an Adult Member of Girl Guides is not present.

What is a Girl Guide activity?

A Girl Guide activity is a scheduled Unit meeting, a camp or other activity organised by Girl Guides at which an Adult Member is present. Permission for the Youth Member to attend is assumed when the Youth Member is 'checked-in' at the Unit meeting or relevant activity.

Activities outside of Girl Guide activities

From time to time, Youth Members may choose to undertake activities outside of Girl Guide activities for the purpose of completing a component of a badge/achievement award offered by Girl Guides or to provide service (which may or may not be a component of a badge/achievement award).

When a Youth Member engages with or undertakes any activity with a third-party for such purposes and is not supervised by an Adult Member of GGiA, these activities must only be completed with the permission of the parent/guardian of the Youth Member. In these circumstances the Youth Member remains in the care and custody of their parent/guardian.

Examples of when a Youth Member must have permission from their parent/guardian include:

- when a Youth Member is undertaking music lessons for the purpose of completing an achievement badge or award,
- when a Youth Member is being assessed by a person who is not an Adult in Guiding for her Duke of Edinburgh Award,
- when a Youth Member is providing service outside of an event supervised by an Adult Member.

At all times a Youth Member is engaging with or undertaking activities with a third-party which are not supervised by an Adult Member of GGiA, the Youth Member remains under the care, custody, and supervision of her parent/guardian.

Where can I get help on what is a child safe environment for my daughter?

Parents/guardians are encouraged to undertake their own enquiries regarding appropriate child safety checks. The website of the relevant state or territory Children's Commissioner provides guidance to parents/guardians on child safe checking.