



# Child Safe Code of Conduct New Zealand

As a leader, member or volunteer, I am responsible for promoting the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

## **I will:**

- Treat children with respect and be a positive role model in my conduct.
- Communicate with children in an age-appropriate and realistic manner.
- Set clear boundaries about appropriate behavior between myself and a child.
- Physically contact a child only in ways which are appropriate to my agreed role and responsibilities.
- Willingly listen and respond appropriately to a child's views and concerns.
- Respond quickly, fairly and transparently to any serious complaints made by a child or related to a child.
- Abide by my reporting obligations to tell a BSF Children's Supervisor in confidence.
- Ensure a child is never left alone with one adult.

## **I will not:**

- Subject a child to any form of corporal punishment, social isolation, immobilisation, sexual suggestion, offence or misconduct.
- Direct a child to perform in a sexually provocative or unsafe manner.
- Communicate with a child in ways that are likely to humiliate, frighten or distress a child.
- Use tobacco products or possess or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs at any time while working with children.
- Develop any "special" relationships with children that could be seen as grooming/favouritism, such as the offering of gifts or special treatment.
- Do things of a personal nature that a child can do for themselves. However, if help is required due to age or disability (such as toileting or changing clothes), I understand two people must be present.

I agree to abide by this mandatory Child Safe Code of Conduct as part of National and State Regulations.

---

Signature

Date

---

Full name (print)