

# QUEENSLAND SCHOL SPORT: STUDENT PROTECTION GUIDELINES



The immediate safety of a student is the foremost consideration. In the case of an emergency or where there is a concern that a child could be at immediate risk of harm, consider what actions may be necessary to protect the child. This could include calling Child Safety or Policelink or calling 000 in an emergency. Mandatory reporting obligations also apply.

## Form a suspicion

- A staff member at a representative school sport event becomes aware or reasonably suspects:
  - a student or child has been sexually abused or is likely to be sexually abused **OR**
  - a student or child has suffered, is suffering or is at risk of suffering significant harm\* **and** may not have a parent able and willing to protect them from harm
- Staff member consults with host representative school sports officer

## Consult

- Staff member and host representative school sport officer may consult the Queensland Child Protection Guide at <https://seure.comunities.qld.gov.au/cpguide/engine.aspx> to determine if the reporting threshold to Child Safety has been reached.
- **Host** representative school sport officer may consult with the principal advisor, student protection in their **host** region to determine if the reporting threshold has been reached.

## Report your suspicions

- **Staff member** must complete an incident report using the appropriate proforma found in the state championship officials handbook.
- In consultation with the host representative school sport officer, the staff member must report suspicions of sexual abuse or likely sexual abuse **immediately** to the QPS by calling Policelink on 131 444 and emailing details of the report to [oneschoolprogram@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:oneschoolprogram@police.qld.gov.au). Host representative school sport officer to ensure this has occurred.
- **Staff member** must report suspicions of significant harm where there may not be a parent able and willing to protect the child by using the online reporting form on the Child Safety website at <https://seure.comunities.qld.gov.au/cbir/home/ChildSafety>
- **Host** representative school sport officer must contact the student's regional representative sport officer and principal.

## After submitting a report

- **Host** representative school sport officer to continue to monitor and support the student while at the event.
- **Host** representative school sport officer to provide all documents and notes to the host region for secure storage and follow-up.
- **Host** representative school sport officer and staff members to collaborate with Child Safety, QPS and other agencies as per the *Student Protection Procedure*.

\* Harm can be caused by physical, psychological or emotional abuse or neglect, or sexual abuse or exploitation. You must act - refer to the *Student Protection Procedure* for more information.

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