



Australian Government

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Child Protection – CEO statement of Compliance

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Austrade is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. We have zero tolerance for child exploitation or abuse, and any allegations or concerns for safety of children and young people will be investigated in accordance with Australian legislation.

Austrade, as a Commonwealth entity, adheres to the whole-of-government Commonwealth Child Safe Framework (the Framework).

As part of our commitment, Austrade:

- Undertakes an annual risk assessment in relation to Austrade's activities, to identify the level of contact with children, evaluate risks to child safety, and put in place strategies to manage risks.
- Maintain a system of training and compliance, to make staff aware of, and compliant with, the Framework and relevant legislation.
- Continue to adopt and implement the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.
- Publish an annual statement of compliance with the Framework.

In line with the Framework, Austrade has undertaken a child safety risk assessment for 2023–24 and identified some roles have contact with children with a risk rating of medium. There were no reportable incidents during 2022.

Austrade's contact with children occurs:

- during the delivery of consular activities.
- as part of education promotion events.
- via dedicated consular transport services.

Austrade is committed to further embedding child safety initiatives into our culture and work practices and will be undertaking a range of actions to reduce our risk profile.

Key actions for the next 12 months:

- Implementation of the National Office for Child Safety training modules into the Austrade Learning Management System (LMS).
- Undertake a campaign to promote Austrade's Child Protection Procedure and Child Incident notification process.
- Continue to identify, assess and control any risks to children and young people.

For guidance on Austrade's commitment to the Framework, please read our Child Protection Procedure.

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