NDIA Participant Safeguarding Policy

We are committed to working positively with, and supporting people with disability to help them be safe from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Our policy

The aim of the policy is to:

- Improve how we support people with disability, participants, and their support networks to create or increase safeguards
- Provide clarity on roles and responsibilities in the NDIS support system
- Demonstrate how we will be more proactive in supporting people with disability, participants, and their support networks to identify, assess and manage risk of harm
- Improve safeguarding resources for people with a disability and our staff.

This policy includes six co-designed principles and four implementation focus areas that will guide how we work with, and support people with disability to make informed decisions about their own safety and safeguards in their life.

We also developed an implementation plan that outlines how we will deliver the policy.

Principles we are guided by



Safety culture



Proactive support



Dignity of risk and informed decision-making



Empowerment



Individual circumstances



Informal support networks

Approaches we strive for

Focus area 1

A proactive and individual approach to identifying, assessing, and managing risks

Focus area 2

Developing the workforce and capability of people with disability

Focus area 3

Working with people with disability to proactively develop safeguards

Focus area 4

Effective corrective measures in response to incidents

Definition: Safeguarding is any action which protects the rights of people to be safe from the risk of harm, abuse, neglect, or exploitation, while maximising the choice and control they have over their lives.



