

A.GINFO 04 (2023) UPDATE - Child Safe Child Friendly Community

Some important checks as we start the year:

- Check all Leaders and Managers have completed their CSCF Training.
- Check all Volunteers working with your Guide Unit on an ongoing basis meet the GGA requirements for Ongoing Volunteers.
- Is the GGA Code of Conduct displayed clearly in your meeting place?
- Develop Unit Rules for your Unit meetings? (See notes below)
- Review the updates to the GGA Child Safe Child Friendly Framework and consider whether you need to change anything you are doing.
- Discuss the 'Tell Us What You Are Worried About' – Form for Youth Members with Guides. Check they know how to access and use.

Resources to Support Unit Leaders

As a Unit Leader it is really important you look at ways to demonstrate Girl Guides is a **Child Safe Child Friendly Community**. It is recommended that Leaders include in the Unit program some activities that equip girls with tools to help them feel confident about their right to be safe and how to be safe.

Attached to this GINFO is an activity resource which can be used to help girls identify who are 'My Trusted People'. The activity is also available to be downloaded from the [GGA Leaders & Managers webpage](#).

More resources will be developed during 2023.

GGA Child Safe Child Friendly Updates

Updates have been made to some Procedures and Guidance Notes in the Child Safe Child Friendly Framework. These updates are provided in response to feedback and support current Girl Guiding practise. The changes are included below and are available on [Guide Lines](#).

Guidance Note Updates -

- *Guidance Note - Boundaries when Interacting with Others in Guiding* (UPDATED)
- *Guidance Note - Developing Unit and Camp Rules* (NEW)
- *Guidance Note - Supervision of Youth Members - for Parents/Guardians* (NEW)
- *Guidance Note -Supervision of Youth Members - for Adult Members* (NEW)

Procedure Updates -

Element 2: Becoming a Girl Guide

Clause 7. Youth Members

A link has been included to: *Guidance Note - Developing Unit and Camp Rules*.

Read the updated information on [Guide Lines](#).

Element 7: Health & Safety

Clause 5. Transport

A requirement has been added that when travel is provided by bus or coach and the driver is not by a commercial hire, the driver of the vehicle must hold a valid licence for the hire of that vehicle. Read the updated information on [Guide Lines](#).

Element 10: Girl Guiding in Practice

Clause 3. Boundaries When Interacting with Youth Members

The *Guidance Note – Boundaries When Interacting with Others in Guiding* has been updated to include information on sleeping arrangements at camps and overnight stays.

Clause 4. Outdoor and Adventure-based Activities

A link to the following has been added to this section:

- *Guidance Note - Boundaries When Interacting with Others in Guiding*
- *Guidance Note - Developing Unit and Camp Rules*

Clause 5. Overnight Stays

A link to the following has been added to this section:

- *Guidance Note – Boundaries When Interacting with Others in Guiding*
- *Guidance Note – Developing Unit and Camp Rules*

Clause 17. Activities and Engagement with Third Parties (NEW)

This is a new clause and should be referenced when there is any engagement with a group or organisation (third-party) outside of Girl Guiding in Australia. Please note if contracts are to be entered into, contact should be made with the State Girl Guide office for additional information.

Clause 18. Duty of Care and Supervision (NEW)

This is a new clause which provides clarity that Girl Guiding 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. Guidance Notes have been provided for Leaders and Parents/Guardians to understand their roles.

Any questions – please contact your Region Manager or State Girl Guide office.