

## **Child Safe Commitment Statement**

Action for More Independence and Dignity in Accommodation (AMIDA) is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people and has zero tolerance for child abuse.

While AMIDA is an advocacy organisation that works with adults (18 years and over) with disability, we recognise that we may come into contact with children as part of our regular work.

As a result AMIDA has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure the safety of any young people or children who come into contact with our staff and volunteers.

Consistent with the Child Safe Standards we will do this by:

- ensuring our staff, volunteers and committee members have the information and skills they need to keep children safe.
- updating our policies and procedures to ensure the safety of any children that may come into contact with our service
- ensuring child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and projects through the production of child safe risk assessments for all projects
- having robust human resources and recruitment practices to reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing board members, staff and volunteers
- ensuring all staff, volunteers and committee members understand their legislated obligations in relation to reportable conduct
- committing to regularly review and improve AMIDA's implementation of the Child Safe Standards

If you have a concern about the safety of any young person who may have come into contact with AMIDA's services contact Pauline Williams on P: 03 9070 9038 or E: pauline@amida.org.au

Situations in which a child is at immediate risk should be reported to the police by calling 000.

More information on the Child Safe Standards and the Reportable Conduct Scheme can be found on the [Commission for Children and Young People website](#).