



Child Safe Newsletter

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Dear Staff & volunteers,

This is the first instalment of our monthly newsletter we are sending to you as a sign of our continued commitment to Child Safety. Please take the time to read it.

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Child Abuse Myths and Truths:

Myth: Child abuse is rare.

Truth: All types of child abuse and neglect are common in Australia (CFCA Resource Sheet, 2013). Child abuse and neglect are often not identified as they occur in privacy and secrecy. Children also find it hard to disclose and to be believed. Often there is little evidence to substantiate the crime, (CFCA 2015)

Myth: It is only abuse if it is violent

Truth: Child abuse does not necessarily involve violence or anger. Abuse often involves adults wielding power over children as objects rather than respecting their rights. Child abuse can take on many forms, including physical, sexual and emotional abuse as well as neglect (including medical & exploitation).

Did you know?

It wasn't until the Royal Commission invited the Australian public to share their stories of organizational child abuse that we realized just how many children had been sexually abused. In fact, the public's response was so overwhelming, the Royal Commission was extended a further two years.

Wyndham CEC 's Commitment to Child Safety

Wyndham CEC has zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our policies and procedures

