

Child Safe Reporting



Mornington Peninsula Shire is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. We have zero tolerance of child abuse and robust training, policies and procedures in place to protect children from abuse and respond to any risks, allegations or safety concerns

If a Child or Young Person's immediate safety is compromised or they are in immediate risk of danger please call the POLICE on ☎ 000

What to report

Any disclosure or allegation by a child or young person about a Mornington Peninsula Shire employee, volunteer, Councillor or contractor. This could include;

- the Shire's dealings with children and young people within their services, programs or events
- an allegation of abuse or misconduct by the Shire employee, contractor, volunteer, Councillor, or other individual associated with the Shire
- A disclosure of abuse or harm by another child within the Shire's services
- the inadequate handling of a prior, disclosure or allegation
- concerns about the safety of a group of children or activity.

Who can report

Anyone can report – a child, young person, parent, carer, members of the community, Councillors, employees and volunteers'.

When to report:

Immediately after becoming aware of an incident or forming a reasonable belief that a child and/or young person is at risk or in need of protection.

Outcomes

- Complete investigation
- Notify relevant parties of the outcome of the investigation (if appropriate)
- Review policies, procedures and practices and where necessary, update to improve responses to child safety.

What will happen next?

Once a report has been received the Shire's Internal Response Team will:

- Ensure the immediate safety of the child or young person
- Offer support to the person who reports
- Initiate an investigation and determine what, if any, actions need to be taken
- If required report the concern to the police, child protection or the Commission for Children and Young People.

How to report

Face-to-face:

report at any Council service or facility

By telephone:

☎ 1300 850 600

By post:

✉ Private Bag 1000 Rosebud, Victoria 3939

By email:

✉ childsafetycoordinator@mornpen.vic.gov.au

Directly to the Commission for Children and Young People:

☎ ccyp.vic.gov.au/report-an-allegation

OR

Child Protection Southern Division

☎ 1300 655 795

Victoria Police, non emergency assistance

☎ 131 444