

MELTON JUNIOR  
FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



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# CHILD SAFETY REPORTING POLICY

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## **1. PURPOSE**

As a person involved in sport, you play a crucial role in protecting children and young people. You must follow the actions below if you suspect there has been an alleged breach of the Melton Junior Football Netball Club Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.

## **2. IMMEDIATE RESPONSE**

Overriding any practical requirements outlined through this procedure, if a child or young person is at imminent risk of harm or in immediate danger, all people in a position of responsibility (parent, coach, team manager, committee member) are required to report the situation directly to the Victorian Police - CALL '000'.

### **2.1. WHAT IS TO BE REPORTED**

Any behaviours, including instances of observed or suspected abuse, concerning any child or young person participating in club activities, programs, or services must be reported these may include but are not limited to :

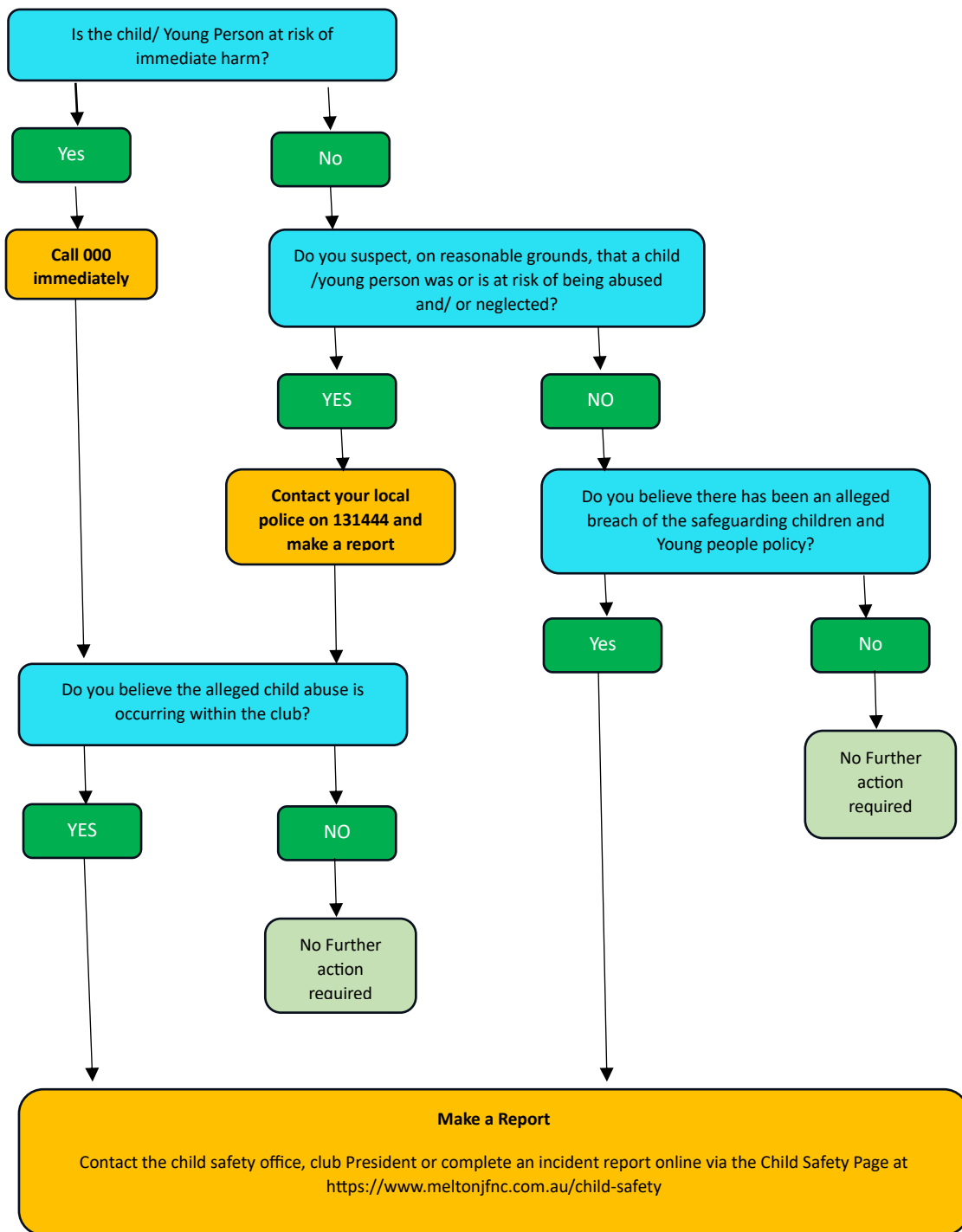
- child abuse, harm, neglect or any other form of inappropriate behaviour such as grooming or bullying to a child or young person (emotional or psychological, physical or sexual, racial or religious); and
- any breaches of the MJFNC Child Safety and Wellbeing policy or the MJFNC Code of Conduct.

## 2.2. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS WHEN RESPONDING TO DISCLOSURES OF CHILD ABUSE

When a disclosure of (suspected) child abuse or harm is made, the following points should be considered and utilised.

LISTEN                      REASSURE                      RESPECT	
DO	DO NOT
✓ Actively listen to the child or young person	Ask leading questions
✓ Reassure the child or young person that they have done the correct thing by reporting	Make your own judgement or assessment
✓ Respect the child or young person may only reveal some details	Press for details, a minimal account will suffice
✓ Let the child or young person use their own words in their own time - be patient	Make promises you cannot keep
✓ Ask open ended questions	Make your own enquiries/investigations in relation to the allegations made
✓ Explain to the child or young person that other people may need to be told	Share information with others *Excl. Police, Child Protection, AFL ISD, Manager

### 2.3. REPORTING DECISION TREE



Additional Contact details can be found at

<https://www.meltonjfnc.com.au/child-safety>

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