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Child Protection Risk Management Strategy

This policy is to be placed in a location within the Dojo (training hall) that's visible to all members and visitors.

PURPOSE

Aikido Northern Territory Inc. is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and the protection of children from harm during training in Aikido.

The purpose of this Risk Management Strategy is to accept the "duty of care of children" under the care, responsibility and instruction of the Aikido Northern Territory Inc. by:

- Identifying and assessing possible sources of harm to children:
- Taking steps to decrease or prevent harm from occurring.

This will create an environment that is safe for children to participate in Aikido, and assist in protecting members from any seeming loss of 'Duty of Care'.

STUDENT REGISTER

A register of all students will be maintained which includes the following details for each student:

- At least two (2) emergency contacts.
- Any physical restrictions or impediments.
- Any medical conditions and emergency treatment (or waiver) as outlined by parent

CODE OF CONDUCT

In addition to the general Code of Conduct for participating in Aikido, the following will be adhered to specifically when training with children during either dedicated children's classes or as part of standard classes.

This code impacts on Instructors, Students and Parents of child students and is to be brought to the attention of all members and parents of child students for their compliance.

- Upon joining Aikido, a medical questionnaire for child students is to be completed (by parents) to ensure that medical & physical issues which may impact upon a safe training environment are known to the Instructor(s)
- Irrespective of parental permission at the time of joining Aikido, to ensure permission is still valid, all children are to be delivered in person to the training venue by an adult.
- Children are not to leave the Training Venue, unless in the company of a parent (or authorized person).
- Parents will advise the instructor if their child is leaving class early to ensure that the instructor can account for the location of all children under their supervision.
- All Instructors are subject working with Children NT Ochre Card vetting process.
- All instructors should hold a current first aid qualification.
- The Instructor will ensure that a reasonable child student to Instructor ratio is maintained. Where there are concerns regarding the ability of the Instructor to safely supervise the number of students, the Instructor will advise the Senior Instructor who will make arrangements for additional Instructors or class options.

Any physical contact with children is to be:

- Appropriate to the situation:
- Started only after all safety considerations have been explored and met; and necessary and appropriate for the person's skill development.
- Certain training requires actions which; from time to time, are calculated risks in a controlled environment. Instructors will maintain; an attitude which demonstrates that their position is one of trust and may require individual support and encouragement beyond that of an adult student.

Injuries are to be reported in accordance with Aikikai Australia Accident procedures ensuring that such incident is brought to the attention of the National Area Reprehensive.

REPORTING BEHAVIOUR

Concerns regarding the behavior of any persons towards children, or regarding any breaches of this risk management strategy, is to be immediately brought to the attention of the Instructor.

The Instructor then has the responsibility of undertaking any immediate steps available to resolve the issue, and advising the National Body.

This does not remove the option of members to report the matter directly to the Board however the Instructor should be informed of any incident during a class under his/her supervision. This also does not remove the option to report the matter to the NT Police where considered appropriate.