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Responding to the Risk of Abuse and Harm to Children and Young People

As a person involved in Archery you can play a crucial role in protecting Children and Young People. You should follow the four actions set out below when responding to any Child Abuse allegations.

Action 1 - Responding

If a Child or Young Person is at risk of immediate harm, you must ensure their safety by:

- Calling 000 for medical and/or police assistance to respond to urgent health or safety concerns;
- Administering first aid, if required;
- Separating the at-risk Child or Young Person and others involved;
- Identifying an appropriate contact person for any on-going liaison with the Police.

If there is no immediate harm, go to Action 2 below.

Action 2 – Reporting

If you suspect, on reasonable grounds that a Child or Young Person is, or was at risk of being abused and/or neglected, you must report it to the police and/or the relevant Victorian Child protection agency. Department of Families, Fairness and Housing. (1300 360 462)

If the alleged Child Abuse is occurring in Archery Victoria Affiliated Club, it may also be reported to integrity@archeryvic.org.au, or make a complaint/report to Sport Integrity Australia.

Action 3 – Contact

You must contact the police and/or the relevant child protection agency to determine the information that may be shared with parents/carers, and who should lead this contact (i.e., police, Child Protection department or Archery Victoria representative). This could include advice:

- not to contact the parents or carers in circumstances where they are alleged to have engaged in the abuse.
- to contact the parents/carers and provide agreed information as soon as possible.

Action 4 – Support

Support should be provided to any Child or Young Person that has experienced abuse.

It is important that the person providing support to the Child or Young Person does not attempt to provide support which is outside of the scope of their role.

Support should include maintaining a calm open manner when listening to any allegations and disclosures, while avoiding seeking detailed information or asking leading questions.

Information regarding allegations of abuse need to be well documented and shared with Archery Victoria designated contact. integrity@archeryvic.org.au

Further support for the Child or Young Person, relevant adults and others involved may be required, including a referral to wellbeing or healthcare professionals and or the development of a safety plan.

Child Safe Contact at Archery Victoria

Email integrity@archeryvic.org.au