

# Safe use of online environments in preschool

## Background

Children learn to use online environments as part of their personal and social learning and development. Preschools are to ensure that risks and harm to children are effectively managed when accessing and using online environments.

## What you should do

Preschools must comply with the [child safety policy](#)<sup>1</sup>, which outlines what staff must do to prioritise child safety and wellbeing. As public sector officers, preschool staff must use Northern Territory Government digital resources appropriately, by complying with the [acceptable use of digital resources policy](#)<sup>2</sup>. This policy complements the [Code of Conduct for the Northern Territory Public Sector](#)<sup>3</sup>, which also applies to all public sector officers. Preschools staff must familiarise themselves with their responsibilities under these policies and ensure they are complied with.

## Further information and support

For useful resources regarding safe use of online environments for under five-year-olds, visit Australian Government's [eSafety Early Years program website](#)<sup>4</sup>:

- [Checklist for early learning services](#)<sup>5</sup>
- [Co-creating an Online Safety Agreement](#)<sup>6</sup>
- [Online safety teaching posters](#)<sup>7</sup>
- [Learning about online safety through play.](#)

Visit the Child Safe Organisations website to understand the [National Principles for Child Safe Organisations](#)<sup>8</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://education.nt.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0015/1119012/child-safety-policy.pdf](https://education.nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0015/1119012/child-safety-policy.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://ntgcentral.nt.gov.au/services-and-support/ict-services-websites/ict-policies-standards/policies/governance/acceptable-use-of-digital-resources-policy>

<sup>3</sup> [https://ocpe.nt.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/379329/code-of-conduct-for-the-northern-territory-public-sector.pdf](https://ocpe.nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/379329/code-of-conduct-for-the-northern-territory-public-sector.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.esafety.gov.au/educators/early-years-program>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.esafety.gov.au/educators/early-years-program/checklist>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.esafety.gov.au/educators/early-years-program/online-safety-agreement>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.esafety.gov.au/educators/early-years-program/teaching-posters>

<sup>8</sup> <https://childsafe.humanrights.gov.au/national-principles/download-national-principles>