

ALWS Child Safeguarding Policy

Who is ALWS?

ALWS is an organisation that loves and cares for people around the world. We work to make sure that people have food, water, homes, education, health care and jobs.

We want to make sure that all people are safe, especially children.

We try to show God's love to all by following the example of Jesus Christ. In the Christian Bible, (Mark 10:14-16) Jesus says:

"Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them. The kingdom of God belongs to people who are like these little children."



Who do I tell?

It's not your fault if someone hurts you.

If you or someone else feel unsafe or uncomfortable by someone's words or actions, please talk to a trusted adult—a parent, guardian, or teacher—or report directly to the **ALWS Complaints Manager, complaints@alws.org.au**

The person you speak to will listen to you and respect what you have to say. They will work out a plan to help you and to make sure you feel safe.

You can talk privately to this person but if you are being hurt or at risk of being hurt, the person will need to pass on your report to the people who can help you.

In Australia you can call **Kids Helpline** at any time for extra support: **1800 55 1800**



We want to make children safe

A child is a person who is under 18 years old.

We believe that every child – a boy, girl, having a disability – is special and deserves to feel safe and be protected.

That's why we want to make sure that children are not hurt by anybody who works for and with ALWS.

Sadly, sometimes children are hurt by other people. They might be hurt by hitting, inappropriate touching, shouting, not giving the care they need, keeping them out of school or making them work when they are too young.

It's important that you tell someone if you, or someone you know, has been hurt.

