

RESPONDING TO SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS IN BASKETBALL



1. CHECK IN:

Regardless of where it might be happening, the first thing you should do is CHECK IN with that person and see if they are ok or if there is anything you can do to help.

Call 111 if immediate risk to safety

2. LISTEN IN:

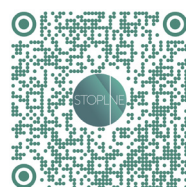
- Provide a safe and confidential space
- Reassure them they are doing the right thing
- Don't make promises especially promises to keep secrets
- Just listen, avoid questions all together, especially those that can be leading
- Remind them it's not their fault and that you will take it seriously

3. STEP IN:

If you have information that a child or young person has been harmed, or is at risk of harm or abuse, you are required to step in.

There are several ways you can do this:

- Raise it internally at your Association or School – a Child Safeguarding Officer or Member Protection Officer, a committee member or your president.
- Contact Basketball New Zealand
- Report it directly to our affiliated Basketball Australia Integrity Unit via STOPLine, our independent reporting hotline which at the discretion of the reporter may be made anonymously:



Scan the QR code for more information or to make a report.

FAQs

Can I report anonymously?

You can report anonymously (via STOPLine) however, without details and being able to talk to you directly, it may limit what action we can take.

Do I need evidence?

No, you don't need proof that something happened. You will need enough information to suggest it is likely something happened, leave the rest to us and the police.

Can I get in trouble for reporting, or be treated unfairly?

No, you cannot get in trouble if you are reporting something that you heard, saw or experienced. If you feel like you have been treated unfairly because you reported something, this could be victimisation and that is not ok.