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# Child Safety Statement 2026

## Commonwealth Child Safe Framework

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) is committed to protecting and safeguarding children from abuse, neglect and exploitation. NEMA maintains a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and exploitation and is committed to fostering a child-safe culture across all aspects of its operations.

NEMA's interaction with children is generally limited and indirect. Potential interactions may arise through emergency management and humanitarian activities, public-facing engagements, operation of the National Security Hotline, emergency recovery activities, and through services and programs delivered by third-party organisations funded by NEMA.

In accordance with Requirements 1 and 4 of the Commonwealth Child Safe Framework, NEMA undertook its annual child safety risk assessment. The assessment confirmed an overall low level of child safety risk, reflecting the limited nature of NEMA's interactions with children. Risks identified relate primarily to incidental contact with children through NEMA's activities and services, and through third-party organisations that deliver services involving children and young people on NEMA's behalf.

NEMA manages these risks through established governance, integrity and risk management arrangements, including pre-employment screening and security clearance processes, compliance with the Australian Public Service Code of Conduct, agency policies and procedures, and applicable contractual and funding requirements for third-party providers.

NEMA is compliant with the Framework and has assessed its overall child safety risk as low. NEMA will continue to strengthen its child-safe culture by supporting business areas to identify and manage child-related risks, maintaining appropriate policies, guidance and controls, and promoting awareness of child safety obligations across the agency.



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