

The Auckland Buddhist Centre Child Protection Code of Behaviour

As a Friend, Mitra or Order member and as an employee, volunteer, leader, teacher or parent involved with aged children under 18 visiting, or taking part in activities at, the Auckland Buddhist Centre

I will

- treat all children and young people with respect and kindness.
- be an example of the good conduct I wish to see in young people and others.
- respect a young person's right to personal privacy.
- encourage young people and adults to feel comfortable and caring enough to point out attitudes or behaviour they do not like.
- be aware that someone else might misinterpret my actions, no matter how well-intentioned
- be aware that physical contact with a child or young person may be misinterpreted.
- co-operate within the Auckland Buddhist Centre's Child protection policy.
- give guidance and support to less experienced helpers, colleagues and volunteers.
- challenge unacceptable behaviour and report all allegations/suspensions of abuse to the Auckland Buddhist Centre's Designated Safeguarding Officers, Vasudhara and Vajrajyoti.
- ensure that, whenever possible, there is more than one adult present during activities with children or at least that we are within sight or hearing of others. This is for my own protection as well as for the protection of children and young people in our care.

I will not

- allow someone who is likely to pose a risk to children to have contact with children (ie a known sex offender or someone who has disclosed sexual interest in children).
- have inappropriate physical or verbal contact with children or young people.
- make suggestive or derogatory remarks or gestures in front of children or young people.
- jump to conclusions without checking facts.
- exaggerate or trivialise child-abuse issues.
- show unhealthy favouritism to any child.
- rely on my good name or that of the Auckland Buddhist Centre to protect me.
- believe "things like this could never happen here."

I have read the guidance above, and the accompanying Auckland Buddhist Centre Child Protection Policy, and agree to abide by them.

Name

Signature

Date

This document is to be read in conjunction with Auckland Buddhist Centre's Child Protection Policy.