



# Child safety concern

## Reporting process

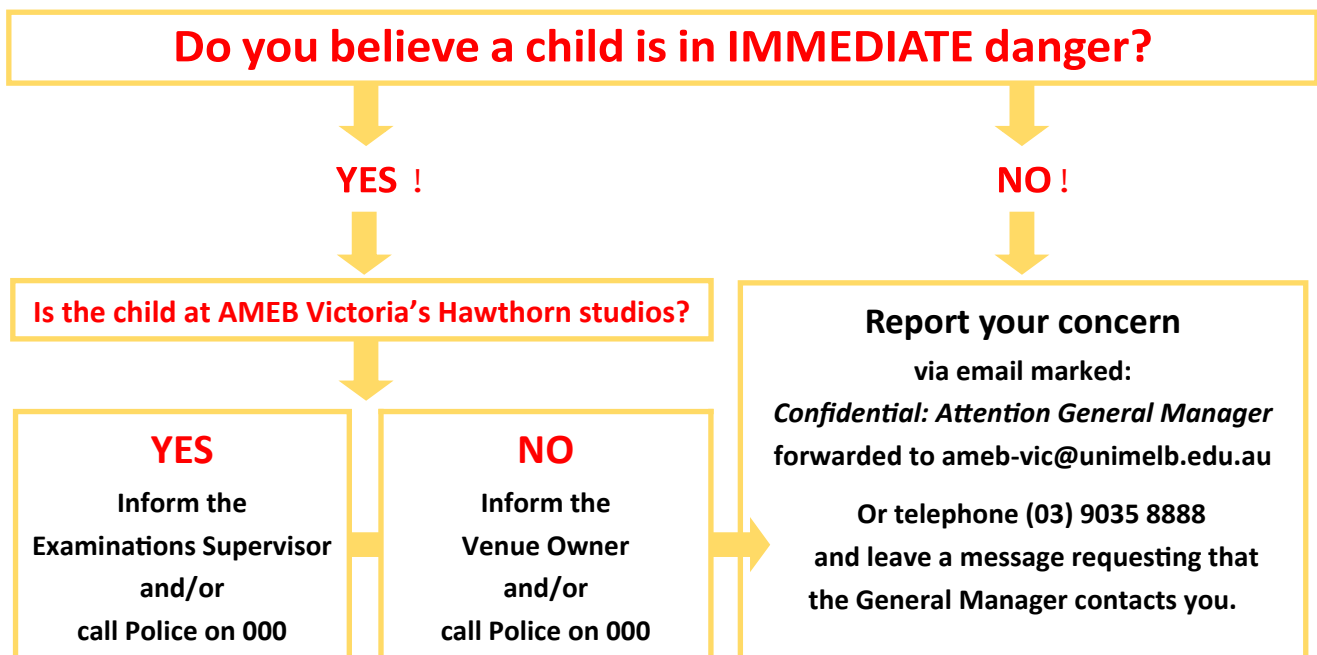
### Who should report a child safety concern?

Everyone associated with AMEB Victoria has a responsibility to report a child safety concern, including staff, candidates, parents and visitors.

### What child safety concerns should be reported?

Report any child safety concern, including:

- Disclosure from a child regarding abuse or harm<sup>❶</sup> or a reasonable belief<sup>❷</sup> that abuse or harm has occurred or may occur
- Observation, suspicion or allegation of a child safety concern
- Breach of relevant AMEB Victoria policies or codes of conduct, including the Child Safety Policy
- Physical environment safety issues<sup>❸</sup>, including risk to health and hygiene



### ❶ What is abuse or harm?

Abuse or harm can include: sexual abuse or assault, physical violence, grooming a child with the intent to abuse, serious emotional or psychological abuse, and/or serious neglect.

### ❷ What is a reasonable belief?

A reasonable belief is not the same as having proof, but is more than speculation.

### ❸ What is a physical environment safety issue?

Environmental safety issues can include: hazards in a child's physical environment that could lead to trips or falls, exposure to potentially dangerous equipment, materials, and substances (such as chemicals), or exposure to substances that pose a risk of cross-infection.