

Title	Support the personal safety of a child or young person in care		
Level	3	Credits	3

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is intended for people whose activities bring them into contact with children or young people or who work with children or young people in care.</p> <p>A person credited with this standard can, for children and young people in care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe a safe environment; and • support personal safety for a child or young person.
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Classification	Social Services > Care of Children and Young Persons
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Range
Care settings may include – whānau, kin, and foster care; respite care; residential care.
- 2 Definitions
Approved agency is an agency approved under the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 s396(8).
Carer is a person who is a custodial carer providing care for a child or young person from their own whānau or family, or a person who provides foster, respite, or residential care for a child or young person placed with them by an approved agency or the Ministry of Justice. In the context of this unit standard, carers do not include adoptive parents or birth parents.
Child means a person under the age of 14 years.
Organisational policies and procedures are policies, procedures and methodologies of an organisation. They include legislative and regulatory requirements which may apply across a company, a specific site, or a workplace. Requirements are documented in the company's health and safety plans, contract work programmes, quality assurance programmes, policies and procedural documents.
Young person means a person of or over the age of 14 years but under 18 years and has an extended meaning that includes some young adults for certain purposes under the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 s386AAA.
- 3 Legislation relevant to this standard may include but is not limited to:
 - Care of Children Act 2004;
 - Children's Act 2014;
 - Crimes Act 1961;
 - Family Proceedings Act 1980;

- Family Violence Act 2018;
- Human Rights Act 1993;
- Oranga Tamariki Act 1989;
- Oranga Tamariki (National Care Standards and Related Matters) Regulations 2018;
- Privacy Act 2020;
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi.

4 References

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Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe a safe environment for children and young people in care.

Performance criteria

1.1 Contributing risk factors are described in terms of the impact on a safe environment.

Range risk factors may include but are not limited to – health and safety, inappropriate behaviour identified as dangerous, high children or young people to adult ratios, number of young children, available space, driving, leaving keys in vehicles, alcohol and drugs, specific physical and mental conditions of children and young people; evidence is required of five risk factors.

1.2 The importance of employing safe practices is described in terms of the impact on a safe environment.

Range safe practices includes but are not limited to – visual and auditory scanning, routine, focus on high risk areas, positioning.

- 1.3 Carer's legal responsibilities to provide and maintain a safe environment are described in terms of organisational policies and procedures.
- Range responsibilities include – emergency situations; contexts may include – within the home, outside the home, in another care setting.
- 1.4 Record keeping requirements to maintain a safe environment for children and young people in care are described in terms of organisational policies and procedures.
- Range requirements include but are not limited to – creation, storage, disposal of records.
- 1.5 The purposes of record keeping in maintaining a safe environment in care services are described in terms of organisational policies and procedures.
- Range purposes may include but are not limited to – accountability, evidence for court, information for Family Group Conferences, behaviour patterns and trends, information source for report writing, medication, protection in allegation situations, supervision; evidence is required of four purposes.

Outcome 2

Support personal safety for a child or young person in care.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Techniques are used to maintain a child or young person's personal safety by redirecting them from unsafe situations and by assisting them in learning self-care skills and in choosing methods to keep themselves safe.
- Range personal safety skills may include but are not limited to – road safety, saying 'no'.
- 2.2 A safe environment for a child or young person in care is maintained in accordance with the checking system, safety requirements, and hygiene practices.
- Range maintaining a safe environment may include but is not limited to – the carer's own home with regard to such aspects as having a fire screen, checking that water temperature is not too hot, locking dangerous items away, hiding car keys and alcohol (age related); hygiene practices may include but are not limited to – washing, dressing and undressing, brushing hair, cleaning teeth, toileting.

- 2.3 Records are completed in accordance with the protocols and policies of one approved agency and other relevant criteria.

Range other relevant criteria include but are not limited to – factual; relevant to a care setting; kept daily; stored securely; evidence is required of diary keeping in one care situation.

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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