A safe place for you at the Y.

At the Y, we take your safety seriously - online and offline.

If you ever feel worried, talk to a Y person. Alternatively, scan the QR code or visit https://www.ymcawa.org.au or ymcawa.org.au/who-we-are/safeguarding-children to raise it.

You can stay anonymous if you want. The Y should always feel like a safe place to be yourself.

What we WILL do

Keep spaces safe

Anything *you* use through the Y online will be safe, respectful and right for your age.

Use official and safe ways to connect with *you*

We'll only reach out to you through official Y platforms and devices, and only about programs you're part of.

Keep *your* info private

Your info is yours. We'll only share it if we really have to - e.g. if someone's safety is at risk, or if it's needed so you can take part in the program.

Make it easy for *you* to speak up

You'll always have safe, anonymous and culturally respectful ways to raise concerns - like QR codes, online forms or trusted Y adults like your program leader or staff at your Y centre.

Make sure *you* belong.

We'll make sure you feel safe, included and respected - whoever you are.

Check in with your trusted adults

Before we message, call or chat with you, we'll always include your parent or guardian.

Respect *your* image and identity

Nothing about you without you - we'll ask for your consent before taking or sharing photos, videos or creative work, and explain exactly how it'll be used.

Be upfront with *you*

If we're recording a session, saving info or collecting feedback, we'll tell you clearly and explain why - so you're never left guessing.

Listen to *you* + act.

Your voice counts - what you say matters to us. If you raise a concern, we'll respond quickly, take it seriously and let you know what's happening so you're not left in the dark.

What we will NEVER do

- Message you on personal social media, messaging apps or personal devices.
- Send or post anything unsafe, disrespectful, rude or inappropriate.
- Pressure you to share something or keep secrets from your trusted adults.
- Ignore, brush off or delay when someone raises a concern.
- Treat anyone unfairly because of their identity, culture, ability, language or belief.

Your Rights. Your Safety. Your Y.

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