

DEFENCE YOUTH SAFETY

Youth Safety is everybody's business, not just those who work directly with young people.

Why build a Youth Safe Defence?

Every 15 minutes



A child is abused in Australia every 15 minutes.

Defence and the ADF Cadets take the care and protection of young people seriously. To better support young people in having a positive and safe experience, Defence has embarked on a youth safety program called the **Defence Youth Safety Framework** designed to place Defence and the ADF Cadets at

the forefront of youth safe organisations. A youth safety program of this scale has never before been undertaken by a government department.

The [Defence Youth Safety Framework](#) ensures a safety culture is properly embedded into Defence. The Framework consists of four complementary streams of activity: Governance, [Assurance](#), Culture and [Training](#).

The Youth Safety Training stream delivers a continuum of role specific e-Learning packages. E-Learning has been used as the primary mode of delivery to maximise access to consistent content for all Defence personnel and ADF Cadet members.



Training empowers everyone to identify and manage risks. For this reason, the training program included in the Defence Youth Safety Framework includes multi-level e-Learning training.

The Defence Youth Safety [training continuum](#) provides a tiered approach to Youth Safety training appropriate to role and responsibilities. The continuum comprises six levels, including a youth package designed for young people between the ages of 13 and 18. Each e-Learning package is described in detail in the Youth Safety [Training Guide](#). View the [training poster here](#).

What does the training cover?



Indicators of abuse and types of disclosures



What a healthy relationship looks like



Individual liability and responsibility



Incident and allegation response reporting, relevant policies



Learning activities based on real scenarios

Defence Youth Safety Partners

Defence partnered with one of Australia's leading child sexual abuse prevention organisations, [Bravehearts](#), to develop the training content in the Defence Youth Safety Framework. The Bravehearts training team includes professionals from the fields of criminology, social work, psychology and education. Bravehearts work with Ernst & Young to deliver [ChildPlace](#), sharing the aim of making Australia the safest place in the world to raise a child.



How are the packages accessed?

The Awareness, Practitioner, Leader and Youth/Young Adults packages are accessible via CAMPUS, CAMPUS Anywhere and CadetNet, using a log in. These training packages, both content and delivery, will be reviewed and refreshed on an ongoing basis.

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