



Due to the Child Protection Legislation the Australian Professional Skaters Association now has a Child Protection Officer.

Any reportable conduct needs to be reported to the Child Protection Officer for further investigation.

Examples of reportable conduct may include:

Physical assault: is an act committed on or toward a child and it involves either the application of force to a child or an act that causes a

child to think that immediate force will be used on them

And

It is either hostile or reckless (a reckless act is one where the person foresees the likelihood of inflicting injury or fear and ignores the risk).

Actual physical harm does not have to occur in order for an assault to have taken place, i.e. the child does not have to be injured.

Sexual assault: refers to a sexual offence against, with or in the presence of a child.

Sexual misconduct: is a term used to describe a range of behaviours or a pattern of behaviour. This may include inappropriate conversations of a sexual nature.

Behaviour that causes psychological harm: is behaviour that results in significant emotional harm or trauma. There is a casual link between the inappropriate behaviour and the harm.

If you have any concerns about the treatment of a child whilst in the presence of a coach you **must** report it.

THE REPORTING SYSTEM IS COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL

If you have any questions or need to file a report you can email the APSA Child Protection Officer, Monica

MacDonald at: coachreport@hotmail.com