



Our legislation

The Office of the Children's Guardian was established by the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*.

The Guardian administers the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012* and the accreditation functions under the *Adoption Act 2000*.

The Guardian also administers the following regulations:

- Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2013
- Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) (Child Employment) Regulation 2015
- Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Regulation 2012
- Adoption Regulation 2015

Changes to child protection legislation

From 1 July 2018, changes have come into effect to the Working with Children scheme. These were made through the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Amendment (Statutory Review) Act 2018*. The changes impact Acts and Regulations above, except the Adoption Regulation 2015. Details are on our [Legislation Changes page](#).

There were also changes made to the NSW child protection legislation on 25 October 2016. Find out more about these changes.

In the news

- Contempt charges dropped over Pell reporting
- Some media charges dropped for reporting of George Pell

Family Matters National Week of Action this week to protect First Nations children
Recognise and reward a kind act for giving in 2019 NSW Volunteer of the Year
awards

Community safety seminar will provide valuable tips on child protection

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