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AIKIDO VICTORIA CODE OF CONDUCT

What should I expect as a teen involved in Aikido Victoria?

In Aikido Victoria we want you to feel safe, included, encouraged, and supported – essentially, to enjoy your training. To make sure that we create this supportive training environment, the Aikido Victoria Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy requires everyone involved in Aikido Victoria to abide by specific behavioural standards when it comes to dealing with Children & Young People.

This is what you can expect when participating in Aikido in Victoria:

The primary aim of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct is to protect and safeguard Children and Young People. This Code is to be followed at all times by all members and all people involved in any way with Aikido Victoria, including visitors:

Positive Guidance	Adhering to Role Boundaries	Working with Children Check
You should expect to be treated fairly and respectfully. It is not okay to be treated in a manner that is degrading, cruel, frightening or humiliating.	Persons in positions of responsibility and authority must not engage in activities or seek contact with you outside of usual Aikido training, classes, events or activities.	You can expect Aikido Victoria instructors, assistant instructors, children's instructors, volunteers and officials will have a valid Working with Children Check.
Language & Tone of Voice	**Supervision**	**Use of Electronic Communications**
It is never okay for adults to be discriminatory, racist, sexist, belittling, negative, threatening, frightening, or sexual towards you or others.	You should never be left unsupervised, and adults will ensure you are in a safe environment and protected from external threats.	Any communication directed to you should only be in regard to Aikido training, such as notices that training has been cancelled. Your parents/guardian/carer should also be copied on the communication.
Gift Giving	**Photography and Digital Media**	**Physical Contact**
You should not be receiving gifts from officials, instructors, volunteers or other adults in Aikido Victoria unless your parents/guardians/ carers or another responsible adult have been made aware of the gift.	You have the right not to be photographed. Aikido Victoria will ask for your permission as well as your parents/guardian/carer. Authorised photography is only permitted at Victorian TTCs and Summer Schools in Melbourne with your consent. Permission can be withdrawn and the image removed. Photography will be done in the presence of other adults.	Any physical contact must be appropriate to Aikido. No contact should be initiated against your wishes.

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Sexual Misconduct & Relationships

Under no circumstances is any form of 'sexual behaviour' to occur in the Aikido environment.

Never Alone Rule

Aikido Victoria's Never Alone Rule means you will never be alone with an adult.

Change Room and Toilet Use

The Never Alone rule doesn't just apply to the use of change rooms. If you are going to an outside toilet, you must let your instructor know and go with a buddy.

Use, possession or supply of alcohol or drugs

No person should use, possess or be under the influence of an illegal drug or alcohol during training. Supplying you with alcohol or drugs (including tobacco) is strictly prohibited.

Transporting Young People

You should only be transported by adults with prior authorisation from your parents, guardian or carer.

Child Safeguarding Policy

For more detailed information on any of these items refer to this **Guide for Teens**.
If you have a concern or need to report an issue, please use the Incident Form for Young Reporters or contact the Child Safe Officer.