



Risk & Safety v 1.0

The Risk and Safety Policy provide a set of guiding principles for supporting people, to make decisions that involve some risk to them. These principles provide the framework for the identification, assessment and management of risk in a Person Centred environment.

The Risk & Safety Policy's **Person Centred guiding principles** align with the 'United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities' relating to **independence, autonomy and choice**.

The prioritisation and management of risks involves a balanced consideration of what is **'important to'** and what is **'important for'** the person.

WHS obligations are met in a manner that allows people to take reasonable risks in their daily lives and without placing support workers and others at risk of harm.

The following Person Centred Guiding Principles are fundamental to a Person Centred approach when supporting people to make decisions involving risk as they plan to achieve their **goals**.

The person is central to decisions about taking and managing risk to the full extent of his or her capacity and is able to access support to identify, assess and treat risk in accordance with her or his circumstances, lifestyle preferences and goals.

The person is supported to identify and use decision making opportunities that enable him or her to take reasonable and considered risks in the pursuit of his or her goals and lifestyle choices.

Risk identification, management planning and support is provided, wherever it is requested or required, by the person, his or her family, guardian, friends, specialists and support workers.

The person has access to information, or is provided with the skills and support to access information to the full extent of his or her capacity, in an appropriate format, enabling her or him to make informed choices when taking and managing risks.

