

KEILOR HOTEL CHILD SAFETY POLICY

Child Safety around the venue

If a member of venue staff locates an unattended child, the welfare of the child is the immediate consideration. Police or emergency services may be notified so that appropriate action can be taken to protect the needs of the child.

A child may be reasonably taken to be unattended if:

- It appears the child is without appropriate adult supervision, i.e. a child being supervised by another minor is not deemed to be appropriate supervision, a child in the play area in full view of a parent or guardian would generally not be deemed as unattended
- A child is found unattended in or about the venue and is unable to identify the whereabouts of their parent or guardian, or appears lost or distressed
- The child is left alone in a vehicle in the venue's car park, or is found unattended in the car park itself

In the event that a child is found unattended in the venue or venue car park

- Venue staff should escort the child to a secure location
- Immediately escalate the finding to a Senior Venue Manager
- All reasonable efforts should be made to re-unite the child with their parent / guardian

Summer Safety

Over recent years there has been an alarming increase in the number of reported events where children have been left unattended in motor vehicles. In many of these cases, parents have not deliberately neglected their children but they may be unaware of the potential dangers in not providing adequate supervision and protection.

This is particularly problematic during a typical Australian summer day, when the temperature inside a parked car can be as much as 30 - 40 degrees hotter than the outside temperature. When the air temperature inside a parked car increases, the humidity inadvertently has the effect of decreasing the airflow in the car.

When the temperature rises, a child will begin to develop heat stress (hypothermia) and dehydration. Young children are more sensitive to heat than older children or adults and are at

greater risk of heat stroke. In general, the younger the child the faster the onset of heatstroke,

dehydration and possible asphyxia, all of which can lead to death or irreparable damage.

In the event that a child is found unattended in a motor vehicle :

- Immediately attempt to gain access to the vehicle with a view to removing the child
- Immediately escalate the finding to a Senior Venue Manager
- Contact Police or Emergency Services

Keilor Hotel has in place procedures to regularly check car parks under its control, especially in the period leading up to and including summer months.