



Diabetes HELP Tauranga Children/Youth Volunteer - Code of Conduct

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Definition: This Code of Conduct with special reference to children (hereafter referred to as the 'code'), requires anyone over the age of 18 years attending events organised by or involving Diabetes Help Tauranga and Diabetes YOUTH Tauranga (and/or other such organisations), to endeavour, to the best of their ability, to ensure the physical, emotional and psychological 'safety' and protection of any child/youth they may come into contact with during organised events, and/or as a result of an introduction by Diabetes Help Tauranga.

It is therefore requested that all volunteers, staff or others supporting our events:

- (a) Avoid, where possible, having unsupervised contact with a child/young person, other than those under their own authority. Should contact occur please move the conversation/contact into an area where other adults are present.
- (b) Avoid making comments that could be misconstrued as of a personal or sexual nature e.g. "You used to be a little girl, and look at you now!" We are aware these comments are mostly innocent, but taken out of context they may cause offense
- (c) Avoid bringing to our events any items that may cause offense such as reading material unsuitable for children/youth
- (d) will talk to those under my authority about the need to be safe and take responsibility for their own actions including physical contact with other adults
- (e) will ask for parental permission before making an individual approach to a child/youth relating to a personal matter to involve diabetes management
- (f) will avoid touching, in any capacity i.e. such as BGL testing, any child/youth that is not under my authority, other than that required during supervised activities
- (g) will avoid making references of a personal nature towards another child/youth unless there is an established parental relationship.
- (h) Will report any concerns to the Board Chair, DHT Manager, Board Member or Team Leader immediately, or if this is not possible, within 6-8 hours of the incident occurring.

Thank you for helping us to keep our children/youth safe. If you have any questions relating to this Code, please contact the Diabetes Help Tauranga Chair or Manager (07) 571 3422

I agree to abide by this code and will do my best to protect those children/youth I come into contact with whilst on Diabetes HELP Tauranga or Diabetes YOUTH Tauranga business.

I will report any concerns as per this code of conduct

Signed..... Date: