

World Vision's Electronic Child Safety Standards

World Vision and Child Sponsorship

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome extreme poverty and injustice. World Vision serves those in need regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender.

World Vision upholds children's rights to survival, development, protection, and participation as set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. We believe that child protection is both a corporate and an individual responsibility, and every person who shares in the work of World Vision also shares in the responsibility to take every precaution to protect the children and families we serve.

World Vision is committed to protecting the security, privacy, and dignity of the children whose parents, guardians and community leaders have graciously allowed them to be a part of our child sponsorship programs.



Child Security

World Vision offices around the world are actively involved in ensuring children are completely secure from fear or any potential abuse resulting from inappropriate contact by a sponsor or other person.

You will notice as you proceed through our site that we release only limited information about the children. We don't share last names, community names, or any other information that might identify the child's location.

We want you to have the opportunity to develop a meaningful relationship with your sponsored child in a way that is safe, secure and fulfilling for both of you. Because of this, we ask our sponsors to abide by the following standards while participating in World Vision Child Sponsorship:

Communication

World Vision discourages direct, unmonitored communication with your sponsored child or family without World Vision's knowledge. This includes telephone, emails and unplanned visits to see your child.

Sharing information

We welcome you to share your sponsor child with your family and friends on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc). In order to protect their security please do not post your sponsored child's last name, ID number or personal location/address.

Sharing media

World Vision prohibits geotagged media that exposes a child's precise location and wherever possible, measures should be taken to prevent electronic copying of photographs and videos.

Your security

Your privacy and security are equally important to us and sponsored children and families are discouraged from contacting you without World Vision's knowledge as well. This is to protect you from being solicited to meet needs beyond your commitment as a sponsor. If you are contacted, please report this immediately to World Vision.



Child Privacy

We take potential misuse of child photographs on the web very seriously. Children and their families must be assured that World Vision is protecting the integrity of the information about themselves that they've given us, including photographs. When sharing your child's photo or video please take measures to prevent others downloading, copying, or replicating the information.

Child profiles are presented for the purpose of conveying appropriate information about the sponsorship relationship and are not for wider distribution (other than the sponsor child's photo).

Child Dignity

The lives of children, their families, and members of their community should be represented with accuracy and dignity. We consider the children we work with as our partners, working with us to help bring holistic transformation to communities living in poverty. We seek the full, informed consent of parents, guardians, and/or community leaders for a child's participation in our child sponsorship programs.

Please ensure that the photos you share are appropriate and your sponsored child is adequately clothed and portrayed with dignity. If you receive a photo that you believe does not meet these standards please contact us.



Contact Us

We appreciate your support and understanding in protecting the privacy and safety of your sponsored child. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at nzcommunications@worldvision.org.nz or 0800 800 776

