

TOWARDS SAFETY WHEEL

The 'Towards Safety Wheel' is a resource to support VCS organisations to consider how they are creating safety for young people in their area and responding to extra-familial harm. The resource is divided into four thematic areas: Cultural Context, Structures and Systems, Identification, and Response and Intervention. Under each area are key factors that support contextual safety. Taken together, the four thematic areas also support VCS organisations to act preventively and provide young people with a safe space/s to spend their time.

It is a strengths-based tool that aims to identify what VCS organisations do, rather than what they do not do.

When using this wheel, start in the middle and work your way around the circles, moving up the layers, following the arrows.

When following this wheel, consider using the supporting document that provides further guidance on how to assess contextual safety in your organisation.

KEY

Extra-familial harm (EFH)

Extra-familial harm refers to a broad category of harm types, including peer-on-peer harm, sexual and criminal exploitation and bullying. Often, these different harm types share overlapping drivers, methods, and consequences for young people.

Staff

Staff refers to paid employees, but also volunteers and young leaders.

