

Netball Victoria is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for volunteers/staff, players, coaches, officials, administrators, spectators/families, and members. Intrinsic to the netball culture are the principles of equity, respect, and safety for all people in the LGBT+ community.

Gender identity, sex and sexuality are protected attributes by Australian law, but this is not the case in all countries around the world. Every country is unique in its approach to LGBT+ people. All travellers face risks overseas but risks can be higher for LGBT+ people in some destinations. Netball Victoria highly recommends you get the facts before you travel and take steps to reduce your risks. [The Australian Governments Smart Traveller website](#) provides information and advice specifically for the LGBT+ community such as:

- Read the [travel advice](#) for the destinations you plan to visit. [Subscribe](#) for updates.
- Understand the [laws and customs](#) of where you're going. Stay within the law, even if you strongly disagree with it.
- Understand the [overlapping risks you could face](#).
- Know how to [reduce your risk](#). Be prepared for any issues you might face.

If you're overseas and need [help](#), see the Smart Traveller advice on what to do [when things go wrong](#).

Netball Victoria LGBT+ Support Group

The Netball Victoria LGBT+ Support Group has been established to assist our netball Community set a standard for the inclusion of members of the LGBT+ community. Guidance and support will be provided that allows everyone to participate as their true and authentic selves and to participate in a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment.

The Netball Support group is available for volunteers/staff, players, coaches, officials, administrators, spectators/families, and members to contact and seek advice or support before you travel or while overseas at a netball event.

Any contact with the [Netball Victoria LGBT+ Support Group](#) will remain confidential, and your privacy will be respected at all times.

Other Useful Information

Emergency consular assistance

The Australian Government provides **24-hour** consular emergency assistance.

+61 2 6261 3305 **from overseas**

1300 555 135 **from within Australia**

For how we can help you overseas see the [Consular Services Charter](#).

The International Lesbian Gay Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association

The [International Lesbian Gay Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association](#) (ILGA) represents the rights of LGBTIQ+ people around the world. They provide information on [sexual orientation laws](#) and the [Trans Legal Mapping Report](#).

Human Dignity Trust

[A map of countries](#) across the world where lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people are criminalised.