[Insert organisation name/logo]

# SEXUAL SAFETY STANDARDS

**Note\***

These standards were adapted from the NSW Health Sexual Safety of Mental Health Consumers Guidelines (2013). Please ensure your organisation develop appropriate and relevant standards in line with the organisation’s strategic goals.

These safety standards have been written in alignment with the introduction of affirmative consent legislation in NSW in 2022. You can read more about this legislative change here: www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/justice/reform-of-sexual-consent-laws.html

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All clients involved with **[insert organisation name]** are asked to adhere to the following standards of behaviour in relation to sexual safety.

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| **Standard 1** | I respect myself. |
| **Standard 2** | I treat others with respect, dignity and courtesy. |
| **Standard 3** | I do not engage in any sexual activity with another client or person while on the grounds of the organisation. |
| **Standard 4** | I do not try to talk someone else into engaging in sexual activity or harass another person sexually. |
| **Standard 5** | I recognise that in order for another person to consent to sex with me, they need to say or do something to indicate they consent at the time of the act. I can't assume consent just because they haven't said no, or don't fight off an advance. I also acknowledge consent involves ongoing and mutual communication.  |
| **Standard 6** | I try to be aware of how my behaviour makes others feel and will change my behaviour if someone tells me it makes them uncomfortable, or I will ask for help with this if I need to. |
| **Standard 7** | I respect the rights of others to space and privacy to fulfil their sexual needs through masturbation. |
| **Standard 8** | I understand that fulfilling my own sexual needs through masturbation must be conducted privately and discreetly. |
| **Standard 9** | I speak up if I have been hurt, harassed or assaulted either physically or sexually. |
| **Standard 10** | I speak up if I see or hear about someone else being hurt, harassed or assaulted either physically or sexually. |

**Note\***

Other examples could include:

* I always practice safe sex, for example through using gloves, a condom and/or dental dam, when engaging in sexual activity with another person.

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