

QSDCA Safety Notice – Helmet Neck Protector Guard

The following safety advice is issued to all QSDCA affiliated clubs and players.

In line with the recommendations from Cricket Australia (CA), the Queensland Sub-District Cricket Association (QSDCA) strongly recommends that all participants in QSDCA competitions, and all grassroots and community cricket, wear a helmet neck protector guard in conjunction with a helmet that complies with the British Standard **BS7928:2013**.

While the wearing of a helmet neck protector guard is currently a recommendation rather than a mandatory requirement of CA, QSDCA advises that any player who chooses not to wear a helmet neck protector guard while batting and facing any delivered ball **does so at their own risk**.

Accordingly, any injury sustained as a result of not wearing a helmet neck protector guard will be the responsibility of the individual player, and **QSDCA accepts no liability for injuries arising from a player's decision not to wear this recommended protective equipment**.

NOTE: The neck protector guard shall also refer to the term 'Stem Guard', being a proprietary extension piece built in or added to the lower back edge of a cricket helmet to reduce the impact force of ball hitting a player in the upper back neck region.

Image examples of 'Helmet neck protector guards' (aka Stem Guards) as follows:



Cricket Australia recommendation reference

<https://play.cricket.com.au/community/resources/player-safety/head-neck-protectors?>, accessed 31-Jul-2026

QSDCA Management Committee 4-Aug-2026