

Homestay Risk Management Strategy



The potential risks of homestay program include injury, sexual harassment, theft, abuse and psychological problems and the Australian International Islamic College has formulated a Risk Management Strategy to manage the risks in a consistent manner.

Information will be given to the host families during the orientation program about the potential risks associated with hosting a student. The host families will be educated about the method of reporting any incidents.

Homestay students will also be educated about their rights and responsibilities. Students will also be advised of the 24 hour, 7 days per week mobile phone service that is available to them to report any incident or concern.

Depending on the feedback and evaluation, re-inspecting the Homestay house, moving the Homestay student, counselling stakeholders or, if necessary, contacting the police may be necessary. The officer will determine the appropriate course of action.

Homestay students and hosts can report possible risks and grievances to the officer either verbally or in writing. Developing and maintaining accessible and appropriate communication channels is the responsibility of AIIC officer.

AIIC risk management strategy will be as follows:

Potential Risks	Managing Risks	Reporting Risks	Remediate Risks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft • Physical and verbal abuse • Sexual harassment • Lack of supervision by the officer • Officer lacks training • Inadequate evaluation of the host family • Lack of cultural awareness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform students and host parents about reporting any potential incident or concern. • Provide orientation for Homestay families • Undertake frequent home interview and provide advise to both students and hosts on managing the potential risks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide access to a mobile phone that is monitored 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. • Take immediate actions on reported risks and incidences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove the Homestay student to a safe environment. • Provide counselling and other supports such as medical and legal supports.