

The Seven Child Safe Standards

Standard 1: Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements

Standard 2: A child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety

Standard 3: A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children

Standard 4: Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel

Standard 5: Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse

Standard 6: Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse

Standard 7: Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children



Creating a Safer Victoria for children

The Victorian Government has introduced Child Safe Standards for organisations with direct and regular contact with children, and is committed to supporting and working with them to build their capacity to meet these standards.

These seven standards aim to drive cultural change, so that protecting children from abuse is embedded in everyday thinking and practice. Anyone needing assistance in complying with the Child Safe Standards can access the online training which explains the requirements for Faith Communities one standard at a time.



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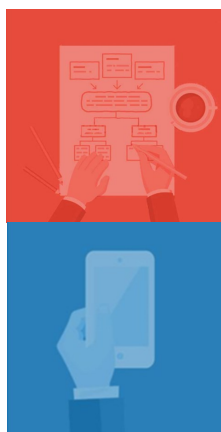


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Training Portal
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As of 1 January 2017 Faith Communities operating in Victoria were required to meet the Child Safe Standards.

The Victorian Council of Churches Child Safe Standards Training Portal for Faith Communities can be found at

www.childsafestandards.org.au.

This website includes:

1. Additional information about each Standard
2. The Toolkit. A handbook with everything you need to know to become compliant
3. Training videos complete with transcripts
4. Links to additional help



Training

This can be found on the “My Course” tab. There are 9 training videos each between 5 and 10 minutes long which explain the reasons why the Standards were introduced, what each standard is and what each Faith Community needs to do to comply with the Standards. You will find a transcript of each training session which you can use to translate the videos into your own community language.

The Seven Standards

These can be found on the “The 7 Standards” tab. Here you will find additional information on each of the Standards as well as an overview and advice on where to from here at the end.

The Toolkit

On the “All Resources” tab you will find the Toolkit. This  is an 84 page document which has all the information you require to turn your organisation into a Child Safe organisation. This booklet contains all the information found on the website including sample documents, checklists and compliance instructions. 

The Toolkit—everything you will need in one place.

Other resources

Also included on the “All Resources” page are samples of the Code of Conduct and Policy documents, HR guides and fact sheets. Besides the Toolkit, the two most valuable resources on this page is the Self Review Tool and the ‘Where do I begin?’ Checklist. All these documents and resources are FREE to download and save to your computer or print straight from the website. If you require an editable version of any of the sample documents, please contact the VCC by clicking on the “Email us a message” button or emailing the address below.

Monthly Newsletters

Each month a newsletter is uploaded to the All Resources page. You can also request it to be emailed directly to you by clicking on the “Email us a message” button or emailing the address below.

Each month the newsletter focuses on a different Standard. It also passes on any relevant information from the government.

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