

The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards



Standard One: Committed leadership, governance and culture

The leadership and governance arrangements of Church entities promote an inclusive, welcoming environment for children and provide the foundation for transparent, accountable and risk-based approaches to ensure child safety.



Standard Two: Children are safe, informed and participate

Children are informed about their rights, are given the opportunity to participate in decisions which affect them and their views are taken seriously.



Standard Three: Committed leadership, governance and culture

Families, carers and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety.



Standard Four: Equity is promoted and diversity is respected

Equity is upheld and diversity needs are respected in policy and practice.



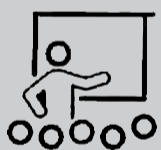
Standard Five: Robust human resource management

Church personnel are suitable and supported to implement safeguarding in practice.



Standard Six: Effective complaints management

Processes for raising concerns and complaints are responsive, understood, accessible and used by children, families, carers, communities and Church personnel.



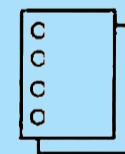
Standard Seven: Ongoing Education and Training

Church personnel are equipped with knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through information, ongoing education and training.



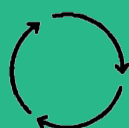
Standard Eight: Safe physical and online environments

Physical and online environments promote safety and contain appropriate safeguards to minimise the opportunity for children to be harmed.



Standard Nine: Policies and procedures to support child safety

Policies and procedures document how the Church entity is safe for children.



Standard Ten: Regular Improvement

Church entities regularly review and improve implementation of their systems for keeping children safe.