

Helpful Definitions

SAFE PLACES

Take steps to keep vulnerable people safe from spiritual, physical, sexual or emotional abuse and /or bullying.

FRIENDLY PLACES

Value, respect and include all people.

SAFETY OFFICER

Also known as risk management officer, responsible for the oversight of the implementation of this Policy.

SAFE LEADER

Has been through a recruitment process, understands responsibilities, is supervised, and is an accountable team player.

SAFE PROGRAM

All risks have been assessed and events thought through and planned, these programs have had permission to proceed from their ministry coordinator (a role that may be undertaken by a pastor, elder, deacons or other senior leader).

TEAM LEADERS

Responsible for individual teams and programs. They will jointly recruit team members and complete safety management plans and for their individual programs.

TEAM MEMBERS (AND JUNIOR TEAM MEMBERS)

Responsible for working with their team to minister in the context of programs.

OUR POLICY

Our policy applies to all pastors, elders, staff members and volunteer workers associated within the ministry of the Baptist Churches of NSW & ACT. Our policy takes into account:

NSW

- The Ombudsman Act
- The Commission for Children and Young People Act
- Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act
- Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection)
- Children Legislation Amendment 2009

ACT

- Children & Young People Act (1999)
- Protection Orders Act (2001)

More Information

OUR SAFE CHURCH POLICY IS SUPPORTED BY:

- Creating Safe Spaces Recommendations
- Creating Safe Spaces Workshop Workbooks
- Keeping the Balance Leader's Conduct Covenant
- Responding to Kids @ Risk Procedure

REMEMBER, YOU ARE NOT ON YOUR OWN IN THESE MATTERS:

Call Tim Williams at the BUNSW 02 9868 9200

REPORTING SUSPECTED RISK OF SIGNIFICANT HARM (ABUSE)

NSW: Child Protection Help Line 13 21 11

ACT: Care and Protection Services 1300 556 728

Counselling Help National:

Kids Help Line – 1800 55 1800

Lifeline – 13 11 14

Child Abuse Prevention Service (24 hr) – 02 9716 8000

Family Crisis Centre (24 hr) – 02 9622 0522

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If you'd like more information or would like to discuss anything about the Seaforth Baptist Church Safe Church Policy, please contact Dave Rowe

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