
DIOCESE OF THE MURRAY

REGULATION FOR CHILD PROTECTION

MINISTRY APPROVAL

1. Lay and ordained people require the approval of the Parish Council or other governing body and the approval of the Bishop to exercise ministry to people under the age of 18. The approval to exercise ministry to people under the age of 18 lapses when the approved person moves to another parish or ministry.
2. The Bishop shall not give approval to a person to exercise ministry to people under the age of 18 until satisfied with the police check undertaken in accordance with the guideline on police checks.
3. The Parish Council or other governing body must carefully assess a person's suitability to exercise ministry to people under the age of 18 before giving its approval to exercise that ministry.

COMPLIANCE

4. The Parish Council or other governing body shall ensure a safe and protected environment for people under the age of 18 and regularly review their compliance with this policy.
5. Leaders and Parish Council or other governing body have a duty of care to people under the age of 18 years in their care and shall ensure that legal obligations and community guidelines relating to the care of young people are complied with.
6. All playground equipment owned by a parish or organization shall comply with the relevant Australian Safety Standards and be checked regularly.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

7. The Bishop and Diocesan Council shall ensure that appropriate procedures are in place to deal with complaints or reports of unsafe practices.
8. The Diocesan Council shall ensure the publication and distribution of material that enables Parish Councils or other governing bodies to comply with this policy and implement safe ministry practices for people under the age of 18.
9. The Parish Council or other governing body shall ensure that at least two leaders are present at all activities, and that at least one person present has adequate training in administering first aid.
10. The Parish Council or other governing body shall ensure the retention for seven years and in a secure place of the following forms: consent forms, medical information, accident/incident form for all people under the age of 18 involved in church activities.