

SAFE MINISTRY UPDATE

Tips for Parish Council Question

As a Parish Council, are you aware of the requirements under the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations and what that means for your Parish

- It doesn't matter if you have active children's ministry or not – we are all required to ensure our spaces are safe and welcoming for children and young people.
- Put the Child Safe Standards up on the Parish notice board.
- Keep an eye out in the Bulletin as we provide information for each of the 10 Child Safe Standards over the next week.
- Access the Human Rights Commission free training to learn more about the Standards link.
- Resources and links can be found on the WA Government Child Safe Organisations page <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-communities/child-safe-organisations>

Working with Children Checks Update



Amendments to the Working with Children (WWC) legislation came into effect on 17 September 2026

The Working with Children (Screening) Act 2004 now mutually recognises negative outcomes across states and territories, known in Western Australia (WA) as an adverse interstate WWC decision.

Anyone who has had their application for a WWC Check denied or their WWC Card revoked, in one state or territory, cannot be granted or hold a WWC Check in any state or territory – banned in one, banned in all. This legislative change forms part of national WWC reform to improve child safety.

Stay Compliant: Report Changes

WWC card holders and applicants must notify the WWC Screening Unit of relevant changes to their details or circumstances. This includes changes to your name, residential address or contact details as well as starting or ceasing a child-related work role.

Failure to notify the WWC Screening Unit of these changes is an offence under the Act and may result in prosecution. For more information, see Factsheet APP02: Change in particulars, Updating of details

Stay up to date by joining the WWC Screening Unit mailing list:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-communities/working-children-check>



Thank you to those parishes who continue to meet all Safe Ministry requirements and please do not hesitate to reach out to our team for any guidance or assistance

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