SAFE MINISTRY UPDATE



Child Protection Week (7-13 September 2025)

This year's Child Protection Week, led by NAPCAN, calls on all Australians to move beyond awareness and into action. The theme emphasizes that while conversations about child safety are vital, they must lead to tangible steps that protect children from harm.

Key highlights:

- Webinar Series: NAPCAN is hosting events to empower communities with tools and strategies for child protection.
- Community Action: Everyone—from parents to shop owners - can play a role in creating safe environments.
- Symbolism: The campaign artwork features falling dominoes, representing how small actions can lead to systemic change.

Links:

- <u>https://www.napcan.org.au/national-child-protection-week-2025-urges-more-than-just-conversation-around-child-protection/</u>
- <u>https://www.dss.gov.au/news/its-national-child-protection-week</u>



R U OK? Day (11 September 2025)

R U OK? Day reminds us that mental health conversations shouldn't be limited to one day. This year's theme encourages Australians to check in with others regularly, fostering a culture of care and connection.

Key Messages:

- Start the Conversation: A simple "Are you OK?" can be life changing.
- Support Resources: R U OK? offers free conversation guides and posters.
- Everyday Impact: Research shows that regular check-ins improve wellbeing and reduce isolation.

Ways to engage:

- Ask with genuine care.
- Listen without judgment.
- Encourage action and follow up

Links:

- https://vision.org.au/read/r-u-ok-day-2025-a-call-to-compassion/
- https://www.newhorizons.org.au/ruok-2025/

National Police Clearance - Approved Providers

If you or your volunteers need a National Police Certificate and prefer to apply individually and selffunded, rather than make use of the service provided by the Safe Ministry team through CrimCheck, please see information below.

WA Police Force (Official Provider)

Online: www.police.wa.gov.au/Police-Direct/National-Police-Certificates

In person: Forms are available at Australia Post. All applications made via Australia Post require 100-points of ID

• Processing time: Instant to 15 business days

Cost: Varies

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