



Safeguarding Guideline (Short Form)

Engaging with Families and Communities

Archdiocesan Agencies, Offices, Organisations, Ministries and Parishes can encourage communities, families, parents and carers to take an active role in promoting the safeguarding of children and adults.



Practices include but are not limited to:

Engagement

- Engage proactively with families, carers and communities regarding safeguarding practices and the review of practices by consulting with them on activities, events or ministries their children or vulnerable adults engage with
- Inform families, carers and the community about how to raise a Safeguarding Concern to a safeguarding officer, priest, director, or manager:
 - Verbally (in person or by phone)
 - In writing (letter, email, text)
 - Use the Safeguarding Concern Report Form

Education and Awareness

- Raise awareness of children's rights by sharing information on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Encourage families, carers and the community to actively participate in campaigns, such as Disability Week, Elder Abuse Awareness Day, Harmony Week, Human Rights Day, NAIDOC, National Child Protection Week, National Families Week, Refugee Week, RU OK Fay, White Ribbon Day
- Share information with families, carers and communities about safeguarding responsibilities for church personnel, policies, guidelines, and the Code of Conduct, on websites, notice boards, newsletters or bulletins
- Encourage families, carers and communities to actively participate in overseeing the safety of their children and vulnerable adults during activities, ministries, and events

Feedback

- Provide families, carers and the community with ways to leave feedback on safeguarding practices, such as a suggestion box or survey
- Provide children, young people and vulnerable adults with ways to leave feedback on safeguarding practices or church policies and practices that affect them

Information & Advice

For additional information please seek guidance from:

Safeguarding Program Office
safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au
or your supervisor

