



Information sheet for parents, guardians and carers

Our congregation understands the need to provide a safe physical and emotional environment for all people. We have adopted the Uniting Church in Australia, Northern Synod Safe Church Policy. A copy of this policy is available from the Synod's Safe Church Admin Contact safechurch@ns.uca.org.au

The Policy aims to provide safe ministry for all children, and vulnerable adults (young people, children and adults with disabilities, the elderly, children and adults experiencing domestic and family violence, and other vulnerable people) in the church, and keep them safe from harm.

All adult leaders and volunteers must report to police in all cases where:

- sexual abuse or grooming has occurred,
- they suspect sexual abuse or grooming has occurred, or
- they believe a child is being harmed or is at risk of being harmed.

We have systems in place to help us:

- provide safe physical environments
- conduct safe ministry activities that are appropriate for the age and abilities of children and vulnerable adults
- screen and select the people who want to work within the Uniting Church and provide those who are approved with ongoing training, oversight and support
- maintain behaviours that are safe and inclusive, that report inappropriate behaviours, and reinforce a strict code of conduct for all leaders, participants and helpers
- encourage people to speak up, raise concerns and provide feedback.

If you have any questions you are welcome to ask the minister of our congregation or contact the Synod Safe Church Admin Contact safechurch@ns.uca.org.au ph. 08 8982 3400.

In the interest of keeping your child/ren as safe as we can, we ask you to complete the Participant's Registration Form. All information on the form will be kept confidential in the church records.

Thank you for your participation in helping provide a safe place for your children and we trust and pray your relationship with our congregation is uplifting, enriching and safe.

Name of Ministry Leader: _____

Name of Congregation: _____

Contact details: _____