

Safe Ministry Policy

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1 REVIEW POLICY

This policy will be reviewed every year.

2 CIRCULATION

Public.

3 PURPOSE

This policy describes how our church will seek to ensure the safety of children and vulnerable people within our church fellowship and ministries.

4 CONTENT

4.1 Basic Safe Ministry Policy

(As recommended by the diocese)

Anglican Churches Springwood is committed to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare and safety of all people, particularly within its own community. To ensure the safety of children and vulnerable people in our communities, Anglican Churches Springwood, in conjunction with the Anglican Church of Australia, will –

- Carefully recruit and train its clergy and church workers,
- Adopt and encourage safe ministry practices by its clergy and church workers,
- Respond promptly to each concern raised about the behaviour of its clergy and church workers,
- Offer pastoral support to any person who has suffered abuse, and
- Provide supervision of and pastoral accountability (within the context of the ministries, locations and activities of the parish) to any person (who is a member of a congregation and) who is known to have abused a child or another vulnerable person.

4.2 Policy Adoption

Adoption of this policy includes the *Safe Ministry Blueprint For Churches*, as a policy of our parish.

5 APPENDICIES

5.1 Appendix 1

Safe Ministry Documents, detailing specific practices to be implemented, are to be found at:
<https://safeministry.org.au/blueprints/>

6 REVISION AND REVIEW HISTORY

Revision Number	Date	Changes/Comments
1	23 June 2016	Initial adoption
2	24 June 2018	Reviewed without change
3	13 June 2019	Reviewed and updated references to Safe Ministry Documents
4	5 August 2021	Reviewed without change
5	18 Aug 2022	No change