

The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are:



Committed leadership, governance and culture

The leadership and governance arrangements of Church entities promote an inclusive, welcoming environment for children and provide the foundation for transparent, accountable and risk-based approaches to ensure child safety.



Children are safe, informed and participate

Children are informed about their rights, are given the opportunity to participate in decisions which affect them and their views are taken seriously.



Partnering with families, carers and communities

Families, carers and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety.



Equity is promoted and diversity is respected

Equity is upheld and diversity needs are respected in policy and practice.



Robust human resource management

Church personnel are suitable and supported to implement safeguarding in practice.



Effective complaints management

Processes for raising concerns and complaints are responsive, understood, accessible and used by children, families, carers, communities and Church personnel.



Ongoing education and training

Church personnel are equipped with knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through information, ongoing education and training.



Safe physical and online environments

Physical and online environments promote safety and contain appropriate safeguards to minimise the opportunity for children to be harmed.



Policies and procedures support child safety

Policies and procedures document how the Church entity is safe for children.



Regular improvement

Church entities regularly review and improve implementation of their systems for keeping children safe.