



Safe Ministry

Reminders for ongoing Safe Ministry Training implementation in 2023

Safe Ministry training assists all church workers to understand their pastoral and organisational responsibilities as well as legal obligations. It is a way to reduce instances of ministry misconduct, abuse, and duty of care and/or safety failures.

Ways training can be completed

As a lay volunteer:

- Individually using the [online platform for Level 1 and 2](#) and [zoom sessions for Level 3 training](#)
- You may also like to complete these Level 1 and 2 courses with a trusted friend or in a parish facilitated small group.
- A diocesan trainer may be able to run face to face training by request to the diocese.

All Clergy and authorised ministers are required to complete training using the online platform.

We recognise people may have concerns about completing this course regarding the content. Please know that it does contain indicators of abuse and case examples broadly. It does not contain explicit material.

We also recognise that any material may be triggering for a range of reasons; please stop the course at any stage, take a break, seek support and if needed call the support lines listed.

If you are negatively impacted either during or after completion of the training please speak to your Vicar or Child Safe Officer. They will then contact the Safe Ministry team to assist in assessment and support for you in your role.

Safe Ministry training includes information on team ministry, screening, code of conduct, duty of care, responding to concerns, self-care as well as the 11 Victorian Child Safe Standards.

Safe Ministry with Children and Young People (Level 2) training is essential for those involved in child related roles. It is critical for children and young people who disclose traumatic events to have the person they are talking to be present; psychically and emotionally. We cannot do this if we have been triggered by the material. It is therefore important to identify if this role is right for you or if you can serve in other ways. Once you or your Vicar identify possible barriers then the Safe Ministry team can assist in assessment and support. This could include supporting you to serve in child related roles or in other ways.