



Local Church Board

Every **Seventh-day Adventist congregation** has a spiritual, ethical and legal responsibility to protect children and vulnerable adults in its faith community.

The first National Child-safe Standard highlights the importance of child safety being imbedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture.

The **Church Board** is the local church governance body. The Board takes a key role in decision-making to ensure that a safe environment is built and maintained.

Opening hours (Sydney time zone)

Monday–Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Friday 9:00am – 12:30pm

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"He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" –Micah 6:8



The Board supports a safe church community by:

Ensuring all Board members have completed the safeguarding elements of:

- ✓ Working With Children Check (or equivalent)
- ✓ Awareness Training as provided by Adsafes
- ✓ Code of Conduct as provided by Adsafes

✓ Implementing the *Adventist Church Child & Vulnerable Person Protection Policy and Role Requirements Guidelines*.

✓ Designing contingency plans for when leaders and volunteers are stood down for not completing safeguarding elements

✓ Appointing an Adsafes Compliance Assistant to provide administrative support for safeguarding to the Adsafes Responsible Officer (Pastor)

✓ Placing the protection of children and vulnerable adults as a standing agenda item at Board meetings for the purpose of monitoring progress

✓ Determining which roles in the local Church are classified as child-related roles

✓ Designing and implementing a procedurally fair process to handle complaints

✓ Being aware of the process for handling allegations of abuse and harm

The *Adventist Church Child & Vulnerable Person Protection Policy and Role Requirements Guidelines* can be found on the Adsafes website at:

adsafes.org.au/safeguarding