

Child Protection Package for Parish Volunteers Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie

In a parish committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people, our parish volunteers make an essential contribution to this goal by participating in the screening and training which the parish provides.

What are the Child Protection requirements for our volunteers?

1. **15 minute Induction** into Child Safe Environments (Mandatory Reporting responsibility) - tick the boxes as you listen to the presentation (this is usually done together with Workplace Health and Safety Induction).
2. **Code of Conduct:** we commit to the practical meaning of the care, wellbeing and protection of our children and young people - sign both copies, and keep the coloured copy with your own documents (parish retains the plain copy for maintaining our records)
3. **Current Catholic Church Police Clearance:** this is obtained by providing 100 points of identification and completing the application form with the parish Police Checks Person ("NAP"). Any minor incidents from the past will not affect the clearance being provided, as long as they don't involve crimes against children.

Volunteers whose ministry is directly with children and young people:

As well as the 3 requirements pertaining to all volunteers, you need to have completed either the 1.5 hours Child Safe Environments training provided by Centacare Catholic through the parish, the volunteers' CSE training provided by your local school, or the 7 hour CSE training provided by your workplace (teachers, nurses, police, etc)

- a. This training must be current
- b. If you already have this training, you need to provide a copy of your certificate to the parish for our records.

How long does the training remain current?

Each of our screening and training steps are current for 3 years. At the end of this time, you will receive a reminder to renew your OHSW / CSE induction, Code of Conduct, and Police Clearance.

Thank you very much for your support for the care, wellbeing and protection of our children and young people! *It's good to be part of a parish which places the safety of our young ones as one of our highest priorities.*