

Safe Church INTRODUCTION ANSWERS

Question 1: You may see someone acting or speaking inappropriately. How can you respond if someone is behaving outside of acceptable boundaries?

- ☐ Say "Stop, we don't do that here! Please don't do it again".
- ☐ Say "Stop please. It's the Policy of the Church".
- ☐ Raise concerning behaviour by speaking with Ministry Agent or reporting it using 'Speak Up!' QR code/link.
- ✱ **All the above.**

Question 2: The primary purpose of Safe Church is to support the Church's vision, mission and ministry. The three core elements of Safe Church are:

- ☐ A combative culture; risk-averse environments; and systems which are intentionally difficult to access and understand.
- ✱ **A positive culture; environments that are safe and reduce risk of harm or abuse; and systems which are effective and comprehensive.**
- ☐ A culture that reduces opportunities for adults to be near children with systems and processes that are complex and confusing.

Question 3: What is meant by "culture of shared guardianship" in relation to young people?

- ☐ The Church trying to control how parents raise their children.
- ☐ The Church undermining the role of the parents.
- ✱ **The Church community joining together to play an important role to share care and concern for children, their families and each other.**
- ☐ The Church taking over the role of the parents.

Question 4: "Every Congregation and Faith Community must adhere to the Safe Church Policy and meet its requirements". Is it acceptable to only partially follow the policy due to cultural considerations?

- ☐ Yes.
- ✱ **No.**

Question 5: We expect the people who lead and help with activities for vulnerable people to have been screened, trained and are committed to the safety of vulnerable people. If you see unsafe or unacceptable behaviour, what is the most appropriate response?

- ☐ Only tell someone if the problem gets worse.
- ✱ **Feel confident to raise even small concerns about safety and wellbeing.**
- ☐ Share your concern with a friend. Do not raise the concern with Church leadership unless your friend agrees.

Question 6: Part of our Safe Church culture is for everyone to act in a way that is safe and supportive, taking responsibility for our own conduct and behavior. Which two documents outline our range of acceptable behaviours?

- ✱ **Statement of Personal Commitment.**
- ☐ Statement of Synod Commitment.
- ✱ **List of Acceptable Behaviours.**
- ☐ Synod Work, Health and Safety Policy Statement.