

Safe Church MANDATORY REPORTING (MINISTRY AGENTS)

Scenario 1: Church Fete

Read the scenario as if you were the Ministry Agent receiving the information incrementally over time.

Information

It's Saturday and your Church is holding a fete. Many congregation members are on-site early to set up and Emma (fete co-ordinator) has given people various jobs to do. James (42 year old, single male) and Sam (17 year old, male) have gone out to the front of the Church to put signs up on the lawn.

After a short time, Sam comes to Emma and says, "I'm not working with James anymore. He just showed me some pictures on his phone that I really didn't want to see." Emma asked Sam "what type of pictures were they?" Sam replied, "Let's just say girls without much on."

Sam says that he'll go work with Ronda and other people, which Emma agrees with. At the end of the fete Emma uses the Speak Up! QR code to submit an internal report.

A week goes by, and Sam submits an internal report indicating that James has shown him a video after Church on Sunday with similar content to the pictures shown at the fete.

Resources

[C2.1.5.3 Mandatory Reporting for Ministry Agents](#)



[C2.1.2.7.2 List of Unacceptable Behaviours](#)



Questions

1. What Safe Church policy breach/es and **type** of abuse and/or harm is being alleged in this scenario?
2. What **additional steps** could Emma have taken after Sam informed her of the incident?
3. What **actions** should you take as the Ministry Agent?
4. Should Sam's parents be **informed**?

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Scenario 2: Youth Group

Read the scenario as if you were the Ministry Agent receiving the information.

Information

It's Friday night and you attend the Youth Group as a guest speaker. At the end of the night, all the youth have headed home and the leaders are chatting. Amelia (20 year old, female), a Youth Group leader, reveals that her mother frequently yells at her and calls her derogatory names at home. Amelia admits this has been happening for the last 5 years.

As the Ministry Agent you know that Amelia's parents are active Church members. Her mother is the Church Council Secretary, and her father is a member of the property committee.

As the conversation continues among the Youth Group leaders, Amelia shares that she's worried about her younger brother, Matthew (14 year old, male), as she often hears her mother yelling at him too and calling him names. Amelia is afraid and doesn't want to report this to the police.

Resources

[C2.1.5.3 Mandatory Reporting for Ministry Agents](#)



[C2.1.5.8 Reporting and Referral Guide](#)



Questions

1. What **type** of abuse and/or harm is/was Amelia experiencing?
2. What would you **say** to Amelia?
3. What **actions** should you take as a Ministry Agent?
4. In your opinion, what **support** or **actions** could be offered for the rest of the family?