



Assessment Safe Church Foundations

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The Queensland Synod is keen to ensure the Safe Church training is culturally respectful and relevant. Should congregations or church groups be released from the requirement to adhere to the Safe Ministry with Children policy to meet cultural considerations? *Yes or no?*

Yes

No

Child abuse may be perpetrated by adults or children and refers to acts or omissions which put the health, welfare or safety of a child at risk. Child abuse is commonly divided into four main subtypes: Physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse. *True or false?*

True

False

'Harm' is any detrimental effect of a significant nature on the child's physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing. Harm can be caused by a single act, omission or circumstance; or a series or combination of acts, omissions or circumstances. *True or false?*

True

False



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Spiritual abuse occurs when "... a person misuses their power, leadership or influence to control, coerce or manipulate a child for seemingly religious purposes. It includes intentional and unwitting abuse in both formal and casual situations. Spiritual abuse includes enticements, threats of rejection, evoking fear, emotional appeals, accusations of demon possession and involving children in spiritual activity against their will." (Scripture Union, New Zealand, 2005).

Which of the following are examples of spiritual abuse?

- Through enforcing one theological position or interpretation of scripture and denying all others.
- Any kind of behaviour management that misuses scripture, prayer, ritual or any other spiritual activity.
- Mis-using scripture to facilitate or justify subjecting a child to physical, emotional or sexual abuse or neglect.
- Using a position of authority as a representative of the church to coerce another person to act or behave in a way which gratifies or otherwise meets the needs of the person in authority.
- All of the above.

What is the relationship between abuse and harm as explained by NAPCAN?

Choose the answer that best fits:

- Abuse is the action taking place; harm is the intended impact of that action.
- Abuse and harm are synonymous, either word can describe the action taking place and/or the impact of the action.
- Abuse is the action taking place; harm is the resulting impact of that action



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Child grooming refers to actions deliberately undertaken with the aim of befriending and establishing an emotional connection with a child, to lower the child's inhibitions in preparation for sexual activity with a child.

Which of the following statements are true?

- Parents and other adults are also groomed by the perpetrator to create a situation where they can sexually offend against the child.
- Grooming is a criminal offence in Queensland.
- Both statements are true

Scenario:

Through your own observation, you notice a lay worker ingratiating themselves in to the lives of a single parent family with two children. You become aware that over time the lay worker has made themselves 'indispensable' to the family by helping with difficult tasks around the house and coaching the older child in sport. The lay worker shows a lot of affection toward the children including asking them for hugs and often bringing small toys and gifts as surprises for the children.

What might these observations be indicating?

Choose the answer that best fits:

- A supporting relationship between the lay worker and the single parent family, in which there are no concerning behaviours.
- Possible grooming behaviour.



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Scenario:

You are helping to run a youth activity which is held weekly at the Church. As part of the activity, the worker in charge has asked you to take 6 children on your own to one room while they keep remaining 6 children in a room. You are aware that splitting the young people in this way is a breach of leadership ratios which is a breach of physical boundaries. Who is placed at risk by this breach?

Choose the answer that best fits:

- The young people are placed at risk by this breach.
- The workers are placed at risk by this breach.
- Both the workers and the young people are placed at risk by this breach.

Scenario:

You are helping to run an activity as part of a Sunday School program. One of the children that regularly attends the activity appears very sad, quiet and is not participating in the activities. This is highly unusual for the child. Out of concern, you ask the child if everything is okay. After a few questions, the child discloses that they are upset because another Lay Worker had caught the child playing on the stairs and had yelled at the child and pushed them and the child had fallen down the stairs. This information is an allegation of physical abuse. The child needs to be cared for and the information needs to be reported.

What tool should you use to help you to respond appropriately?

- R.E.S.P.O.N.D.
- B.C.A.L.M.
- R.E.S.P.E.C.T.



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Using the same scenario as the last question, let's examine your mandatory reporting responsibility.

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The Mandatory reporting process for lay workers expects you to make a report about the disclosure to where?

- The statutory child protection agency
- No one
- The Ministry agent
- Blue Card Services