



Safe Places Policy

of Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania Inc

Statements of Commitment

sample wordings for all affiliated Churches and Agencies to affirm commitment to the CCVT
Safe Places Policy

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CCVT Statement of Commitment to Safety Generally

This wording is adapted from the CCVT Safe Places policy but can be used as stand-alone wording where appropriate, referencing an affiliated community's commitment to safety as a part of the movement of Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania.

Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania Inc (CCVT) is committed to being a safe place for all people who engage with us including children, young people, and vulnerable adults. We believe that CCVT will be doing better at building Communities of Hope and Compassion and developing Leaders to lead them when each place of ministry and mission affiliated with CCVT is a Safe Place for everyone to grow in their discipleship of Jesus and in their relationships with one another.

Short form Statements of Commitment to Safety Generally

This wording can be used to raise awareness, for example in signage, email signatures, as a footer on a notice advertising an event, etc.

«CCVT/Affiliate Name» is committed to being a safe place for all people who engage with us including children, young people and adults, especially those most vulnerable.

OR (depending on the context)

«CCVT/Affiliate Name» is a safe place for everyone.

Long Form Statement of Commitment Regarding Child Safety

This wording is incorporated into the *Child Safety Policy, Victorian Churches and Agencies*. The following wording refers specifically to the affiliate's commitment to safety regarding ministry with persons under the age of 18.

«Affiliate Name» is committed to child safety because it is integral to our mission.

We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers.

We are committed to the safety, participation, and empowerment of all children.

We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our policies and procedures.

We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.

We are committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks.

We have comprehensive policies and procedures for recruiting and managing our people, both staff and volunteers.

We are committed to regularly training and educating our staff and volunteers on child abuse risks.

We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from a culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children living with a disability.

We have specific policies, procedures and training in place that support our leadership team, staff and volunteers to achieve these commitments.