

CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS FOR CONGREGATIONS

GOVERNANCE AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK

LOCAL CONGREGATION OR PARISH COUNCIL

- Congregation/parish council appoints assessor to conduct self-assessment
- Assessor completes child safety self-assessment
- Assessor submits self-assessment report to congregation/parish council

**BY
31 JULY**

LOCAL CONGREGATION OR PARISH COUNCIL

- Council reviews self-assessment findings and recommendations
- Council develops annual child safety plan
- Council commits to oversight of implementation of child safety plan
- Council submits child safety plan to district Professional Standards Officer (PSO)

**BY
30 SEPT**

DISTRICT OFFICE

- District-based PSO reviews and collates child safety plan data
- PSO identifies district level trends, strengths, gaps and priorities
- PSO prepares annual district child safety summary report
- PSO submits district child safety summary report to district church council/board

**BY
31 OCT**

DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL/BOARD

- Receives and considers district child safety summary report
- Confirms or amends recommended child safety priorities
- Submits district child safety summary report to churchwide office for collation

**BY
30 NOV**

CHURCHWIDE OFFICE

- Reviews and collates all district level child safety summary report data
- Identifies churchwide trends, strengths, gaps and priorities
- Prepares report, including recommendations, for child safety priorities
- Submits annual churchwide child safety report for consideration by General Church Board (GCB)
- Maintains all records of district and churchwide child safety summary reports

**BY
31 JAN**

EXTERNAL REGULATORY BODY

- Office of the Children's Guardian NSW; Victorian Children's Commissioner; Blue Card Services Qld
- SA, WA, NT, ACT and Tasmanian State and Territory Governments

GENERAL CHURCH BOARD

- Reviews, and considers LCA churchwide child safety summary report, including all recommendations

**BY
28 FEB**