

Safe as Churches? Conference

The Safe as Churches? Conferences are held biennially to bring together Church and congregation leaders, Safe Ministry Units, Professional Standards Directors and Safe Church Training Workshop presenters.

It is a networking and professional development opportunity for those involved with responding to church-related abuse and misconduct issues and developing protection strategies for children and adults in churches.

Safe as Churches? 9 will be held in 2019 with further details being made available by July 2018.



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Safe Church Training Agreement

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The Safe Church Training Agreement (SCTA) is focused on helping local church leaders and congregation leaders to fulfill their pastoral, legal (ie duty of care, child protection, due diligence), insurance, risk management, denominational and ethical roles which includes responsibility for the spiritual, emotional and physical safety of all people within their ministry.

The SCTA is an initiative of the National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA) with both NCCA member and non-member churches participating in the agreement. It helps facilitate high quality, sustainable, accessible Safe Church training workshops for local leaders (both paid and volunteer).

Safe Church workshops are interactive, awareness raising workshops covering the National SCTA Standards. These standards include Christian foundations of safe ministry, duty of care, adult and child protection (abuse prevention), recruitment and supervision of all church leaders and the management of program risks.

The SCTA serves its members by:

- providing the National SCTA Standards for Safe Church Programs and training presenters
- ongoing review and periodic updates, as necessary, to inform members of changes to the National SCTA Standards
- providing resources to assist in SCTA training
- national coordination of the co-endorsement process for Safe Church workshop presenters
- maintaining a National Register of SCTA Co-endorsed Trainers
- managing the SCTA website (www.safechurches.org.au) with current information, workshop dates, resources and relevant legislative changes
- communicating relevant state, territory and federal legislative and compliance changes to SCTA members
- providing a voice in the wider community regarding adult and child safety, protection and care matters



Safe Church Network

The Safe Church Network is a regular meeting of denominational professional standards representatives, whose aim is to ensure that Australian churches are physically, emotionally and spiritually safe for children and vulnerable adults.

They provide safe ministry advice, respond to requests from the NCCA Executive and provide regular professional development and networking opportunities.

