

STANDARD 1

- Communicating the Church's Safeguarding Message



What is the standard?

Church entities appropriately communicate the Church's safeguarding message.

Indicators that ensure the standard is being met

The Church entity:

- has a written plan that details how the Church's safeguarding message will be communicated;
- makes information regarding how to safeguard children and vulnerable adults available to all, including te reo Māori, those whose first language is not English, as well as people with specific needs; and
- establishes links with other local organisations in order to promote a safe and caring community for children and vulnerable adults to share best safeguarding practice.

Effective implementation of this standard will include:

Evidence of communicating the Church's child safeguarding message may include having and using effective procedures and practice to:

- develop a communication plan;
- ensure that information regarding the Church's safeguarding message is accessible;
- communicate appropriately to children;
- communicate appropriately to those whose first language is not English, as well as to those who have specific needs; and
- develop links with other organisations in the locality in order to promote a safe and caring community and to share good practices.