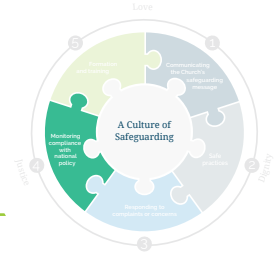


## **STANDARD 4**

### **- Monitoring Compliance with National Policy**

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#### **What is the standard?**

Church entities develop a plan of action to assure compliance with the standards. This plan is reviewed annually.

#### **Indicators that ensure the standard is being met**

The Church entity:

- has put in place arrangements to ensure and evaluate its compliance with the safeguarding standards;
- produces a report on the level of compliance established through this audit exercise;
- notifies the bishop or congregation leader in writing of the compliance of this annual audit report;
- produces a safeguarding plan that is implemented and reviewed; and
- engages with the National Office for Professional Standards who will carry out an independent review of its safeguarding practice in relation to the applicable indicators of the five safeguarding standards.

#### **Ways of providing evidence to support the implementation of this standard**

Evidence of quality assuring compliance with the standards may include having and using effective procedures and practice to:

- complete annual reports and undertake reviews of compliance with the five standards; and
- develops a safeguarding plan that:
  - outlines the actions that will be taken to keep children and vulnerable adults safe;
  - identifies who is responsible for implementing these actions;
  - specifies the time frame within which actions are completed; and
  - identifies the resources to ensure that the plan's objectives are realized.