

# Tikanga Haumaru Safeguarding Update

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## Pope Francis

•“Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker...the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this.”



## Our New Bishop

Bishop Steve has been with us for a few months now and we are beginning to understand his goals and priorities, with Safeguarding being right up there. Acknowledging that Safeguarding is an important part of the life of the diocese.

The link below has now been added to the CDA website.  
<https://youtu.be/oSOSljJ-Zn8>

## Safeguarding and our parishioners

For nearly three years now we have all been working hard to share the Safeguarding message with our volunteers, parish staff and clergy. I am pleased to say that all parishes have begun the Safeguarding journey.

Now it is time to share the Safeguarding message with all parishioners. I am aware that some parishes have already begun this using resources available. Please let me know how I can support you, to ensure everyone is protected.

Pope Francis reminds us we need to take care of Our Children, Our Youth and Our Vulnerable adults.

## Revised workshop

As I mentioned in my previous update the National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS) have revised the Safeguarding workshop. I have used this on a number of occasions now and find that the content is less confrontational and focuses more on the practical implications of Safeguarding.

Now that ministries are resetting in your parish, there will be new volunteers taking up roles. Remember as part of their induction that the expectation is that they complete the following Safeguarding processes:

- Attend a safeguarding workshop
- Undergo police vetting
- Read and sign the code of conduct

Please let me know if you would like a workshop for your parish or community. I am happy to facilitate this Face to Face or Online.

## A gentle reminder. Knowing what to do when something is not right

If you have a concern or complaint of harm involving someone within the Church, please contact

- National Office for Professional Standards:  
0800 114 622
- Email: [prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz)

Or

- Sister Jane O'Carroll – Pastoral Assistant to the Bishop  
Phone: 09 360 3003
- Email: [janeo@cda.org.nz](mailto:janeo@cda.org.nz)



## Safeguarding reviews

Leanne and I are slowly getting through the parish reviews. To date we have completed 38 reviews with the remaining parish reviews in the greater Auckland area due to be completed by end of June. With plans to complete parishes in Te Tai Tokerau online with a follow up visit in Spring. Then we will move onto our ethnic chaplaincies.

I am aware that many may interpret a review as one of compliance. Whilst there are features of the review that are based on compliance, for example the confessionals, where the altar servers dress etc. The main purpose of the review is to build a Safe culture within our parishes where we are proactive and use a planned approach. This will in turn minimize the risk of harm to all.

Congratulations to Three Kings parish on moving from Development to Growth and Devonport and Pakuranga parishes who have moved from Growth to Maturity in the Safeguarding lifecycle. Well done!!!

### CORE SAFEGUARDING PRACTICE TWO PERSON RULE



#### WHY?

Many people ask why do we need to follow the two person rule. I have been doing this for years and there has been no problem.

#### THINK ABOVE REPROACH

We want to be in a situation where no one can honestly bring a charge or accusation against us. No matter how much we believe no one will.

#### THINK HOLISTICALLY

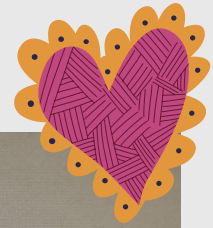
Remember in your ministry you are part of the bigger picture. You represent the Catholic Church. If you do not observe what is expected you are putting the entire church at risk.

#### THINK OUTSIDE OF THE SQUARE

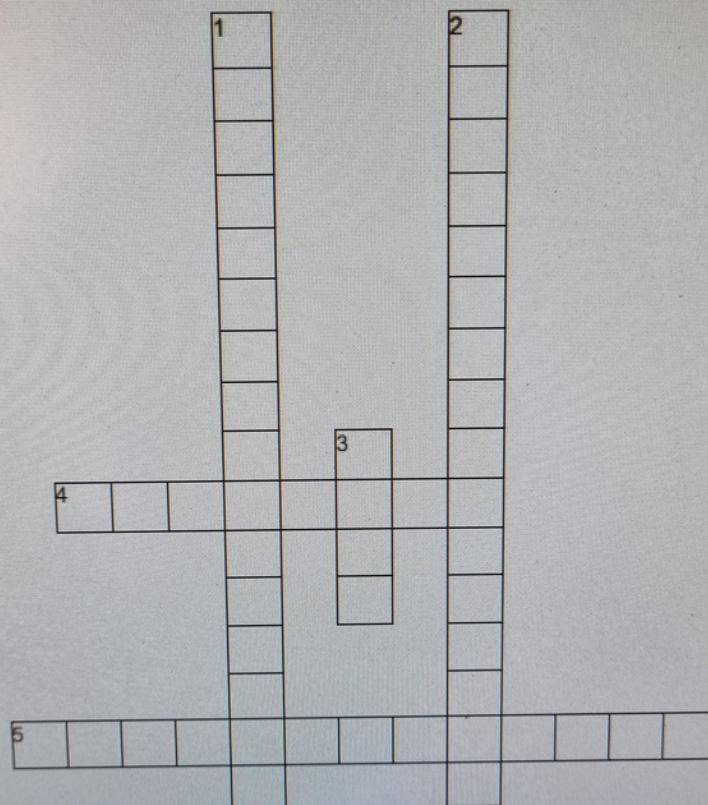
The two person rule does not mean that you are required to visit with two people from your parish. Think and plan ahead. Does the parishioner have a caregiver, friend, family member who visits regularly? Arrange a time to visit when they are there.

DISCUSS FURTHER WITH SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR  
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Give this crossword a go. All the answers can be found in the UPDATE.



## Safeguarding 101



### Across

4. Who is protected by Safeguarding?  
5. The three Safeguarding processes required by volunteers are training, code of conduct and

### Down

1. One very important Core Safeguarding practice is the  
2. Safeguarding focuses on Children, youth and ?  
3. What is the acronym for the office who overseas Safeguarding in New Zealand?

