



SAFE TRAINING



COCWA Safe is based on materials originally developed by the ChildSafe organisation.

We acknowledge ChildSafe for their pioneering work in promoting safe practices in churches.



CREATING A SAFE CULTURE FOR YOUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

SAFE TEAMS

Know

Ministry Leader

Know

Team Members

Know

Team Leader

Be

Committed to TEAM

SAFE TEAMS

- Ministry Application
- Working with Children Check (where required for ministry)
- COCWA Safe Training (3 year renewal)
- Policies and procedures that protect people

SAFE TEAMS

As a Volunteer you are not expected to be a professional.

As a Volunteer you will give of your best when you are committed to being an excellent servant!

SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

SAFE FIRST AID

Know where all of the First Aid kits are **located.**

Always ensure that a portable first aid kit is taken to **outside events.**

Always ensure that the First Aid kit is kept **well stocked** and **up-to-date.**

SAFE FIRST AID

Do you know if there is a plan in place if there is a **medical emergency**?

Who can access and use supplies from the **First Aid Kit**?

Do you know the **medical professionals** in your church?

SAFE FIRST AID

Always ensure that you have First Aid trained people on the team or in the ministry area.

Children's Ministry: Unlicensed Child Care Provider Regulations.

SAFE FIRST AID

Do you know how to help a person through an accident or incident?

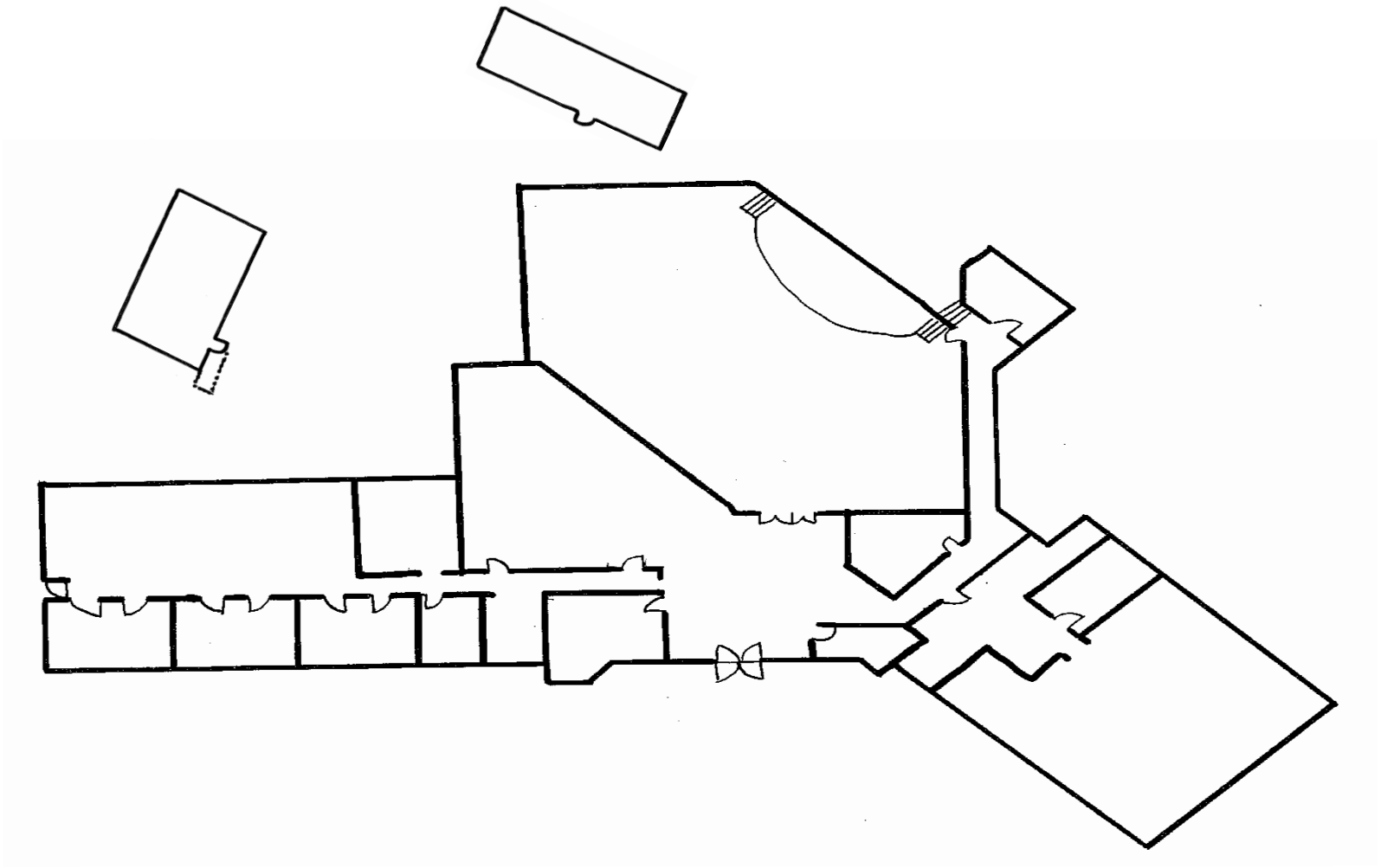
SAFE FIRE EMERGENCY

Where is the muster point?

Where are the fire extinguishers?

Who can use fire equipment?

How do we move people away from fire danger?



SAFE PEOPLE

What range of behaviours may we be referring to when we speak about “abuse”?

SAFE PEOPLE

Responding appropriately to abuse

SAFE PEOPLE

Recognising abuse
Responding sensitively
Children & disclosure
Reporting abuse
Mandatory reporting

SAFE PEOPLE

- Listen carefully
- Tell the child that you believe them
- Tell them that it is not their fault
- Let them know that you will have to tell someone so that they can help stop the abuse
- Tell the child that you are pleased that they told you
- Do not promise that you will not tell anyone
- Involve your Team Leader

SAFE PEOPLE

You ask for children/teens to volunteer to pray in front of your group. In the process of praying, this child/teen begins to disclose an episode of abuse. What do you do?

OR

In a ministry team time, someone begins to disclose a significant and painful issue. How would you respond?

SAFE PEOPLE

Who is your “**Go To**” person?

SAFE SCENARIO 1

At a water based activity, a 14 year old girl wearing a bikini is hoisted onto the shoulders of a male leader who plans to initiate a water fight.

What issues are raised here? Consider not only the 'dress' issues but also the nature of safe/unsafe activities.

SAFE SCENARIO 2

You are on a kids ministry/mission team. During the session, one of the children comes and sits in your lap putting an arm around your neck.

What issues are raised here if you are with children:

Aged 0-5 years | Aged 6-12 years

SAFE SCENARIO 3

A child exhibits aggressive behaviour that results in several parents bringing a complaint to you.

How do you handle this situation? Consider:

- The child
- The team
- The carer/parent of the child
- The parents of the other children involved.

SAFE SCENARIO 4

During your weekly programme, one of the Leaders continually refers to participants in the ministry programme using nicknames that he makes up for those he likes and dislikes.

As a Team Member, how might you handle this situation?

SAFE SCENARIO 5

Someone on your team (Team Leader/Team Member) asks to meet with you one-on-one.

Under what circumstances is this okay or not okay?
What factors do you need to consider in making a decision?

SAFE SCENARIO 6

During your ministry session, you take photos of kids/teens/people. These photos are then used for promotion of events on brochures and on Facebook.

Is this okay?

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

1. Read the Childsafe Team Member Book
2. Sign the Training Acknowledgement Form
3. Be committed to Safe Culture through Safe Teams!

To the Ministry Team

I attended COCWA Safe Training
on atChurch.

I have received, and commit to undertake to read the
ChildSafe Team Members Pocket Guide.

I will endeavour to follow the safety and care strategies
of Church.

Signed _____ Date_____