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The Anglican Diocese of Brisbane is committed to striving to provide a safe and supportive environment for children and young people in all its ministries.

The Diocese has implemented this **Child Protection Risk Management Plan** to assist in protecting children and other vulnerable people from harm in the Church. The Plan helps ensure that the Diocese's ministries are safe and supportive environments by providing strategies to identify and minimise potential risks. Screening lay employees and volunteers through the Commission for Children and Young People's blue card system is an integral part of our Plan.

The Risk Management Plan addresses the following elements:

- A Child Protection Risk Management Plan **Policy Statement**.
- A **Code of Conduct** for clergy and lay Church workers who work with children.
- A **Safe Ministry Check** which provides procedures for recruiting, screening, selecting and supervising lay Church workers.
- A **Protocol for Dealing with Complaints** which provides clear and mandatory procedures for managing complaints and information regarding sexual misconduct by clergy and lay Church workers.
- Procedures for addressing breaches of the Risk Management Plan.
- Procedures for ensuring the proper implementation of this Plan and regularly reviewing its contents.
- Maintenance of a register for all lay Church workers who hold blue cards.
- A specific Risk Management Plan for high risk activities and special events.
- A strategy for communicating the Plan to parents and carers of children who participate in all ministries in the Diocese.

Copies of the documents in bold are available for downloading from the Diocesan website: www.anglicanbrisbane.org.au