



Working With Children Check Fact Sheet for Parishes

Who Needs a Working With Children Check?

The Working With Children Check is **only** available for workers, both paid and unpaid, in child-related work. Child-related work is defined as:

- Work which involves face-to-face contact with children (under the age of 18) in a child-related sector or in a child-related role.

The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office, in conjunction with the Parish Support and Development Team, has identified the following require a Working With Children Check:

- Parish Priests, Assistant Priests, Parish Administrators
- Parish Secretaries
- Youth Ministers, Workers or Leaders
- Pastoral Associates
- Sacramental Coordinators
- Sacramental Group Leaders
- Catechists in State Schools
- Children's Liturgy Coordinators
- Children's Choir Ministry Leaders
- Acolytes and Senior Altar Servers
- Ministers of the Altar
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Ministers of the Word
- Parish Counters/Collectors
- Ministers to the Homebound

It is also recognised that some workers may play multiple roles within a parish. Should any of the roles, whether they be paid or unpaid, involve work that is child-related, a Working With Children Check will need to be undertaken and then verified by the Parish Priest.

Religious Priests, Chaplains, Sisters or Brothers belonging to an Order or Congregation in the Parish who are involved in child-related work on behalf of the Parish, must undertake a Working With Children Check. The verification of this Check is the responsibility of the Parish Priest.

For more information

Please contact either the Safeguarding Team by phone on 9390 5811 or Parish Support and Development Team by email: parish.support@sydneycatholic.org or phone on 9390 5233 if you require any assistance.

Related Documents: Guidelines: "Working With Children's Checks (WWCC)"
Frequently Asked Questions: "Working With Children's Checks (WWCC)"