

Safeguarding Children & Young People

Penrith Methodist Church has adopted this policy which seeks to promote and protect the well-being of children and young people who use our premises.

In the activities organised and run by the church we have taken the following steps:

- We require all our child/youth workers to provide references which are pursued.
- We provide training for our child/youth workers and offer guidance about good practice.
- We ensure that an appropriate ratio of adults to children exists at all times so that proper supervision and care is provided. This ratio is dependent on the age group but is never less than two adults.
- We do not allow supervisors to be less than 16 years old.
- We ensure that we know the contact numbers of the child's family in case of an emergency.
- We insist that great sensitivity is shown towards issues of intimate care of children (such as taking them to the toilet) and that no actions by an adult takes places which may be harmful or misconstrued by the child or other people.
- We have on permanent display contact numbers of 'Independent Persons' who can be contacted by any child or young person seeking advice or help.
- Any concerns about children or young people will be referred to the appropriate professional agency.

Penrith Methodist Church advises that you consider these issues carefully if you are organising an event involving children and young people coming on to our premises.

Please contact the Circuit Office if you wish any clarification of this policy.

I/We have read the above summary of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and undertake to implement it during the period of hire.