



Safeguarding Declaration

Introduction

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart (**SOSJ**) is committed to fostering communities and a culture of safeguarding that recognises and upholds the dignity and rights of all people, including children and those who are identified as vulnerable adults and / or adults at risk.

SOSJ has zero tolerance for abuse. SOSJ shall be guided by its Adult and Child Safeguarding Commitment Statement, Safeguarding Policy framework, and its broader values and strategic vision.

All who are in relationship with or represent SOSJ, have a responsibility for creating and maintaining a safe culture.

Workplace Participants and informal volunteers, who do not have a relevant state-based child compliance check (commonly referred to as a Working with Children Check), due to their role and/or position not requiring such, are required to sign this Safeguarding Declaration when and if the duties of the role and/or position involve irregular and/or incidental contact with children.

This Safeguarding Declaration is to be signed in addition to the Adult and Child Safeguarding Code of Conduct.

Agreement

- I, _____ (insert name) declare the following:
- I do not have any criminal charge/s pending before the courts.
 - I do not have, nor have I ever had, any criminal charges, conviction/s, or findings of guilt, for physical or sexual acts of violence towards any person.
 - I have not been refused, barred, prohibited, or received a negative notice in relation to an application to obtain a relevant state-based child compliance check (commonly referred to as a 'Working with Children Check').
 - I have not had any disciplinary proceedings brought against me by an employer or any organisation with whom I have volunteered, in relation to child protection concerns, misconduct or harassment, or violence or reportable conduct.
 - To my knowledge, there is no matter that may be considered as constituting a risk to SOSJ or SOSJ's reputation.
 - I will notify my SOSJ Leader / Manager immediately if the status of my declaration in relation to any of the above items change.

Signature

Printed Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Signature & date: _____

Relationship with SOSJ: _____

SOSJ Site or Venue: _____