

16.1 Introduction to Work Health & Safety

At the heart of the Gospel teaching is Jesus' command to 'love one another as I have loved you'. By following this command Christians understand that they are to honour all people and seek the best for them. An important dimension of love is supporting people in their work and being concerned for their welfare. The Work Health and Safety Legislation which has been adopted by the NSW Parliament place upon us a requirement to identify and address issues which may cause harm to workers, clergy, volunteers and visitors. These laws help ensure that our churches are safe environments. By complying with these laws we give practical expression to the Gospel, showing our care and concern for all people.

Jesus' command also calls Christians to follow sacrificially the example of Christ as they serve God and the community. The Work Health and Safety framework implemented in the Diocese will enable parishes to offer people creative opportunities for ministry and make wise use of the resources entrusted to the Church.



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