

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE May 2017

We're excited to report that the first Diocese Health and Safety Working Group (HSWG) meeting has now been held, and the group is enthusiastically looking forward to building a positive safety culture with tools and guidelines that we'll all be able to use to keep ourselves and our visitors safe.

Meetings will be held monthly and we'll keep you up-to-date on what's happening.

H&S ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The first topic that the HSWG will be looking at is H&S roles and responsibilities. Some of you may be aware that Worksafe has identified four types of duty holders that have health and safety duties:

- Persons conducting a business or undertaking (PCBUs);
- Workers;
- Officers; and
- Other persons at workplaces.

(You can read more on Worksafe's website [here](#).)

The HSWG will be looking at the structure of the Diocese and the people and groups we have within it, and will identify who our duty holders are and what they have to do as part of their H&S responsibilities.

Before the HSWG starts delving into this, we're keen to hear from you, so if you have any thoughts on roles and responsibilities, or groups or persons that you want the HSWG to take into account when doing their review, please let us know. Send your feedback to keepsafe@auckanglican.org.nz before 02 June so it can be included for discussion.

H&S IN YOUR MINISTRY UNIT

We hope that H&S is now a regular item on the agenda at your governing body's meeting. If it isn't, please ask your Vestry/Council/Committee to add it as soon as possible.

H&S REPRESENTATIVES

Thanks to those of you who have told us who your H&S representative is. If your Ministry Unit hasn't replied yet, you've got until 31 May to let us know. We want to make sure that our H&S updates are reaching the right people, so please confirm name, phone number and email address to keepsafe@auckanglican.org.nz¹.

Keep safe,



Sonia Maugham
Diocesan Manager on behalf of the HSWG

¹ The H&S representative's details will be stored in a restricted access database and the email address will be added to the H&S mailing list. By providing these details, it is assumed that the representative accepts these conditions.