

# Emergency procedures flip book



For all emergencies contact your Chief Warden or for emergency services **phone 000** 



	Name	Number
Emergency Warden		
Church Contact Person / Congregation Leader		
Minister		
Church chairperson		
Presbytery office		
Poisons information	Poisons Information Centre	13 11 26 (VIC & TAS)
Emergency Services	Police, Fire, Ambulance	000
Electricity emergency		
Gas emergencies		

- 1. **RESCUE** any person in immediate danger if capable and it is safe to do so.
- 2. Activate ALARM; ALERT other people in the immediate area.
- 3. **INFORM** Chief Warden of:
  - Location of fire (building name and floor).
  - Extent of fire (nature of incident).
  - Information about any injured persons.
  - Name of person reporting the fire or incident.
- **4. CONTAIN** and **ISOLATE** the fire by closing doors.
- **5. FIGHT** the fire if safe and you have been trained to do so.
- 6. EVACUATE
  - Assist any person with a disability.
  - Do not return to your workstation or desk.
  - Leave the building from the nearest exit.
  - Proceed to the designated emergency assembly area.

If you are instructed to evacuate your building for any emergency situation:

- **1.** Cease all activity.
- 2. Comply with all instructions given by the Warden.
- **3.** Leave the building via the nearest safe emergency exit.
- **4.** Go to the designated assembly area.
- **5.** Remain at assembly area until otherwise advised.

Never re-enter the premises unless directed to.

Never use a lift during an evacuation.

- 1. Quickly assess situation (do not enter danger area).
- 2. Remove threat to self or injured persons if safe to do so.
- 3. Raise the alarm Dial 000. DO NOT HANG UP UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO. Notify the First Aid Officer.
- **4.** Provide details of
  - Location of incident (Street address, exact location within the premises (e.g. first floor), nearest intersection.
  - Type of injury or illness
  - Cause of injury or illness
  - Status of injured person
- 5. Administer First Aid if appropriate; follow any instructions given by the Emergency Service operator.
- **6.** Send someone to the main entrance to meet and guide emergency services personnel to your location.
- **7.** Comfort and remain with injured person until emergency services attend.

Do not leave the injured person unattended.

# Chemical spill or hazardous substance

- If spill is a flammable solvent, toxic or suffocating substance, notify all persons in immediate area, turn off all flames and electrical outlets and evacuate the area.
- Go to the nearest area free of vapour and raise the alarm by contacting the Chief Warden.
- Do not re-enter the affected area.

### Gas or water leak

- Turn off the tap or valve if possible (and safe to do so).
- Notify all persons in the immediate area, turn off all flames and electrical outlets.
- Raise the alarm by contacting the Chief Warden.
- Keep people away from affected area.

# Gas leak, civil disturbance, vehicle accident, natural disaster

- 1. Quickly assess the situation (do not enter danger area).
- **2.** Secure building as required.
- **3.** Raise the alarm by contacting the Chief Warden.
- 4. Administer First Aid as appropriate.
- **5.** Seek refuge as appropriate to emergency.
- **6.** Remain in building until / unless directed otherwise.

## Receiving a phone threat

- 1. Do not hang up the phone, even after the caller has hung up.
- 2. Try to keep the caller talking.
- 3. Fill out the bomb threat checklist.
- 4. Remain at the phone until relieved.
- 5. Raise the alarm by calling the Chief Warden and follow further instructions.
- **6.** Do not discuss the matter with others. . Be prepared to be interviewed by Police or other Emergency Services' personnel.

# **Package or Substance Threat**

- 1. Do not touch or move anything.
- 2. Move away and prevent anyone from entering the area isolate the threat.
- **3.** Raise the alarm by calling the Chief Warden.
- 4. Remain calm and follow instructions from the Chief Warden or Police.
- 5. Do not evacuate the building unless directed to do so by Emergency Services.

### 1. Try to calm the person down

- Acknowledge their feeling of frustration.
- Ask them to explain their needs in a civil manner to enable you to help them.

### 2. Get help

• If the behaviour continues, withdraw and seek assistance from persons nearby. Do you have duress alarms at Reception or other similar areas?

### 3. Withdraw

- If the person is becoming increasingly aggressive or threatens violence, withdraw from the situation immediately.
- Do not put yourself or others at risk or make the situation worse.

# 4. Take refuge

- Try to establish a physical barrier between yourself and the offender, such as a counter or room that can be locked.
- Try to get to a safe and secure place.

# 5. Protect yourself

- If you cannot withdraw, you are entitled to use reasonable force to protect yourself.
- Allow the offender to leave the premises.
- Lock doors to prevent the offender from re-entering the premises.

### 6. Get medical assistance

- Initiate Medical Emergency procedures if required.
- Seek First Aid if required.

# 7. Report the incident

- Report the incident to your Supervisor and the Chief Warden. (Will they call Police or emergency services?)
- Complete an Offender Identification Form.

# Always consider your safety (your #1 priority)

