



## **Seventh-day Adventist Church Member Health & Safety Expectations**



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## **Local SDA Church Membership Health and Safety Expectations**

**In this regard the Local SDA Church Board recognises, in practical terms, that it has a clear Health and Safety duty to:**

- Provide a healthy, safe and incident free environment for its members, contractors and their employees and others who may be associated with, or in attendance at its controlled ministries or facilities
- Ensure that its leadership and members clearly understand and implement those practical health and safety duties that apply to their ministries or facilities
- Develop and maintain effective communication in all health and safety matters for all persons present at their ministries or facilities
- Integrate health and safety into all aspects of the Local Church activities, ministries and programmes
- Set Health and Safety objectives appropriate to its Church activities, and will make available sufficient resources to ensure its Health and Safety objectives are realised
- Develop and maintain effective systems that ensure continuous improvement of health and safety in their Church ministries and facilities
- Maintain a systematic and on-going system for identifying, assessment and management of their Church ministry and facility hazards
- Ensure accidents will be investigated to determine the cause and appropriate action taken to minimize the risk of further re-occurrence;
- Have in place procedures to deal with emergencies that may arise in their Church ministries or facilities
- Ensure that health and safety is taken into account and given high priority in all new Church operations, projects or expansion programmes
- Develop, implement and monitor their health and safety policies and procedures for their effectiveness
- Provide the necessary training and information on the correct and safe use of vehicles, machinery, equipment, materials and safe work methods used in all Church activities
- Manage contractors carrying out work for, and on behalf of the their Church to ensure contractor health and safety compliance
- Include Health and Safety as an agenda item at its Church Board and Business meetings and where necessary take appropriate action to ensure the integrity of the Churches' Health and Safety System