



**AUSTRALIA SOUTHERN TERRITORY
Official Minutes**

Issued To:	OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS	
Subject:	MANDATORY REPORTING	CODE MRT 1112 SECTION 1 - THQ

The Salvation Army acknowledges the seriousness of child abuse and neglect, and believes that the protection and wellbeing of children must be the highest of priorities. While it is the intention of The Salvation Army to offer confidentiality to those with whom we engage, this confidentiality is not extended to the reasonable suspicion of child abuse.

Mandatory reporting is the legal requirement to report suspected cases of child abuse and neglect. All jurisdictions possess mandatory reporting requirements of some description. However, the people mandated to report and the abuse types for which it is mandatory to report vary across Australian states and territories.

It is the required policy of The Salvation Army that all officers, staff, members and volunteers are required to report the reasonable suspicion of child abuse to their line manager and the appropriate authority as designated in any relevant legislation or, in the absence of designated authority, to the police.

The Salvation Army expects all officers and those staff, members and volunteers who work with or are engaged in ministry to families and children to undertake appropriate training in the identification of child abuse and the policy and procedural requirements unique to The Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army acknowledges that exemptions have been granted in recognition of traditions that are bound by the sanctity of the confessional. These exemptions do not apply to The Salvation Army nor do they reflect its position.

Where there is any conflict between this Minute and other Minutes or policies relating to sexual harassment / ethical behaviour (including SHA 0896) or child protection (including CPP0509), the terms of this Minute shall have precedence.

On the recommendation of Territorial Policy Council on XXXX, this Minute is issued on the instructions of the Territorial Commander.

Peter Walker (Colonel)

CHIEF SECRETARY

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Associated Forms / Attachments

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