

Diamond Valley Baptist Church

Person of Concerns Statement

Prospective Members or Leaders

Our church welcomes everyone, and is committed to providing a safe place where everyone feels safe to participate, belong and contribute, particularly children and other vulnerable people.

Your answers to this brief questionnaire will assist the pastoral team at DVBC to determine the most appropriate way for you to participate in the life of our church. This may mean, if necessary, establishing a safety agreement which sets out the steps the church and a person of concern may put in place to enable that person to participate in, and share the ministry of DVBC.

We value you as a person. Your answers will be treated with the strictest confidentiality and protected by our privacy principles.

Thank you for helping to keep our church a safe place for everyone.

Please tick either “Yes” or “No” for each question. If the answer to any of the following questions is “Yes”, a member of the pastoral team will follow up.

Name:	Signed:	Date:	Mobile:
Question		Yes	No
1. Have you ever pleaded guilty to, been convicted of, or admitted to a sexual criminal offence?			
2. Are you currently charged with a sexual offence?			
3. Have you ever been the subject of an allegation of a sexual offence/ misconduct?			

Please return in an envelope marked ‘Private and Confidential’ to:
The Pastor, Diamond Valley Baptist Church, 309 Diamond Creek Rd Plenty, 3090

Who are Persons of Concern?

A person of concern is someone for whom one or more of the following points apply:

1. has pleaded guilty to, been convicted of, or has admitted to a sexual criminal offence.
2. has been found to have sexually offended, arising through due diligence checks related to recruitment (screening).
3. is currently charged with a sexual offence.
4. has been the subject of an allegation of a sexual offence and this was not appropriately investigated.
5. has been found to have received an adverse risk assessment arising from sexual misconduct.
6. is deemed to be a risk to the safety of children and/or vulnerable adults because of an adverse risk assessment relating to sexual misconduct (including grooming).
7. exhibits constant wandering across other peoples’ sexual boundaries.

What does an Individual Accountability & Safety Agreement Mean?

An individual safety agreement is an agreement between a person of concern, the local church and denomination, establishing the terms and conditions for the person of concern to participate in the life of the church. A Safety Agreement makes clear what steps the church and person of concern are taking to reduce real and potential risks associated with ministry to the person of concern.