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## Safeguarding at the Melbourne Buddhist Centre

Safeguarding is an expression of the Buddha's first ethical precept of refraining from harming beings. It is based on Victorian law and good practice, as well as on the policies of the Melbourne Buddhist Centre (MBC):

- Vulnerable Adult Guidelines (2021)
- Practising with Children at the Melbourne Buddhist Centre (2019)
- <https://melbournebuddhistcentre.org.au/> — under 'About Us'

Our Safeguarding Officer at the MBC works to facilitate a safe environment for spiritual practice. This is achieved by advising and resourcing the Management Committee ensuring the safeguarding of vulnerable adults and children (people aged under 18) in all MBC activities.

### Pasannā — Safeguarding Officer



Pasannā holds a Master of Social Work and has extensive experience supporting victim/survivors who have been impacted by family violence, sexual assault/abuse and other forms of trauma. As such, she is committed to bringing a trauma-informed lens to any safeguarding conversations she has with people in our sangha. You are welcome to email her anytime or call her as well. She is busy with two small children but will always make it a priority to talk on the phone if the person will feel more comfortable communicating this way.

*The MBC is aware of the sensitivity of personal disclosures and the requirements of confidentiality. Disclosures and allegations of sexual harassment and abuse to children and to vulnerable adults will be responded to in strictest confidentiality.*

#### Contact Pasannā:

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