

Increased Mandatory Reporting Requirements in Victoria

Protection of Those Who Report

If a person makes a disclosure to police in good faith in compliance with the proposed sections above, they would be protected by statute from being found guilty of unprofessional conduct or a breach of professional ethics. They would also be protected from any liability arising from the disclosure.

When the legislation is enacted, it will place serious obligations on all individuals, but especially on those involved with churches, schools and other institutions. Every organisation should ensure that it has a child protection policy that complies with legislation and guides it in fulfilling all legal obligations. Failure to uphold these new requirements could result in serious criminal prosecution.

For more guidance on how your organisation can comply with its reporting obligations, contact Hutchinson Legal on 03 9870 9870.

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