

# Safe Access Zones

## Information for service that provide termination of pregnancy

The *Termination of Pregnancy Act 2018* (the Act) establishes safe access zones around services that provide termination of pregnancy to protect the safety and wellbeing and respect the privacy and dignity of persons accessing termination services, including employees and others who need to access those premises in the course of their duties and responsibilities.

A place is in the safe access zone if it is in the premises or not more than 150m from the entrance to the premises.

The purpose of this checklist is to help facilities prepare for 3 December 2018.

### Environmental strategies

*Completed*

Undertake a health facility audit to identify safe access zones

- Identify common entry and exit pathways
- Define the 150-metre safe access zone

  


### Communication strategies

*Completed*

To facilitate awareness and understanding, develop tools for communicating with staff, patients and visitors about the safe access zones. Communication channels and activities examples may include:

- Online marketing communications e.g. websites, screensavers and E-Alerts
- Information brochure, flyers and posters
- Map safe access zones and publish online
- Community newsletter/staff bulletin insert
- Formal signage as considered necessary

  
  
  
  


Create a communication plan with local Public Affairs Officers. Include feedback and monitoring mechanisms to inform any review or amendment to the plan.

Provide clinicians, professional staff, security staff, local Council and Queensland Police Service (QPS) officers with detailed information about safe access zones. Consider education and training opportunities.

Provide information to staff about the roles of key stakeholders in supporting patients and enforcing the safe access zone.

### Managing enforcement

*Completed*

Develop a local strategy, in partnership with the QPS, for enforcing the safe access zone. The strategy should outline:

- The role of the HHS security officers as first responders
- The escalation process to the QPS if and as required

  


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