



# Professional Standards Risk Management Service

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Dear Monsignor,

## Misprision of Felony

The police in the States of Victoria and New South Wales have indicated they are adopting the principle they should investigate the possibility of laying charges of Misprision of Felony in relation to all cases involving criminal sexual activity.

Their enquiries in this connection have alerted a number of Church personnel to the possibility charges might ensue. Accordingly we have obtained some general advice on the subject which may be of assistance to those who encounter this situation.

Upon reading the document it will be readily seen this is advice of a quite general nature. Specific advice should be sought at an early stage should the need arise.

As a part of the service provided to Dioceses and Religious Institutes an attempt is being made to minimise the legal expense incurred by us all. By all means do feel free to contact the writer before seeking advice in a particular case. The answer you seek might be available from advice already in our possession.

Yours sincerely,

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