

Standard 1 Creating and Maintaining Safe Environments

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Diocesan Safeguarding Children Policy Statement

## Safeguarding Children

**Diocese of Limerick**  
Safeguarding Children Policy Statement

As a constituent member of the Catholic Church in Ireland, we recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children, are committed to ensuring their safety and wellbeing, and will work in partnership with parents/guardians to do this. We recognise each child as a gift from God, and we value and encourage the participation of children in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development.

All Church personnel (including clergy, religious, staff, volunteers and any other Church personnel) have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse.

For further information please visit the Diocesan Website [www.limerickdiocese.org](http://www.limerickdiocese.org)

+ **Brendan Leahy**  
Bishop of Limerick

If you are concerned about the welfare and safety of children or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact any of the following:

**Diocesan Safeguarding Service**  
Ger Crowley,  
Director of Safeguarding (DLP)  
087 3233564 | 061 315856 | g@diocese.ie

**An Garda Síochána**  
Divisional Headquarters,  
Henry St. Limerick  
061 212400

**Tusla - The Child and Family Agency**  
Area Managers Office, HSE Building, Ballycummin Avenue, Raheen Business Park  
061 482792 | [www.tusla.ie](http://www.tusla.ie)

## Bezpieczeństwo Dzieci

**Oświadczenie w sprawie polityki bezpieczeństwa dzieci Kościoła w Irlandii**

Jako integralna część Kościoła Katolickiego w Irlandii uznajemy i wspieramy godność i prawa wszystkich dzieci oraz gwarantujemy ich bezpieczeństwo i pomysłowość. Zamierzamy także współpracować z rodzicami/opiekunami dla osiągnięcia tego celu. Uznajemy, że każde dziecko jest darem od Boga oraz cenimy je i zachęcamy dzieci do aktywnego udziału we wszystkich zajęciach, które rozwijają je duchowo, fizycznie, emocjonalnie, intelektualnie i społecznie.

Wszyscy pracujący w Kościele (włączając księży, osoby zakonne, pracowników oraz wolontariuszy) mają obowiązek troszczyć się o dzieci poprzez popieranie tego, co służy ich dobru, zdrowiu i rozwojowi w bezpiecznym i troskliwym otoczeniu zgodnie z ich najlepszym interesem i zapobiegając ich wykorzystywaniu.

Więcej informacji na ten temat zamieszczamy na stronie diecezji [www.limerickdiocese.org](http://www.limerickdiocese.org)

+ **Brendan Leahy**  
Biskup Diecezji Limerick

Dane kontaktowe personelu jeżeli ma miejsce uzasadniona obawa o dobro i bezpieczeństwo dzieci:

**Diecezjalna Obsługa Bezpieczeństwa Dzieci**  
Ger Crowley,  
Dyrektor Bezpieczeństwa Dzieci (DLP)  
087 3233564 | 061 315856 | g@diocese.ie

**Polícia**  
Siedziba Oddziału  
Henry St. Limerick  
061 212400

**Tusla - Agencja ds. spraw dziecka i rodziny**  
Area Managers Office, HSE Building, Ballycummin Avenue, Raheen Business Park  
061 482792 | [www.tusla.ie](http://www.tusla.ie)

Safeguarding Information: for Children and Young People; for Parents/Guardians

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Information for **Young People**

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**Diocesan Safeguarding Policy says**  
Adults should...

- Treat children with respect at all times
- Never hurt children
- Always keep children safe from anyone who could hurt or abuse them
- Make sure children treat each other with respect

**What is Abuse?**  
Abuse can be when a child is...  
Told hurtful things that make them feel scared, unloved and unwanted  
Physically hurt, for example hitting, shaking, throwing, burning or scolding  
Made to do, or watch, something sexual that they don't want to do  
Not looked after properly, does not have enough food or clothes or is left alone  
Bullied, for example, being called names, being hit or pushed, having rumours spread about them or being threatened by someone online

**What should I do if someone hurts me?**  
If someone hurts you or makes you feel uncomfortable or upset you should always...  
Tell them to stop - Say No  
Get away from them  
Tell an adult you trust.  
Remember... it is never your fault if someone hurts you and you should never keep secrets about it!

**How can I help to keep myself safe?**  
If an adult in the Church is hurting you or someone you know then you should tell an adult you trust or ring any of the following:  
**Safeguarding**  
Director Ger Crowley,  
087 3233564  
061 315856  
**An Garda Síochána**,  
061 212400  
**Tusla**, 061 482792

Other numbers that you can call for help are:  
Childline 1800 666 666  
Samaritans 116123  
Barnados 1850 222 300

We believe that every child is precious and has a right to be kept safe from harm or abuse. Every adult in the Church has to help keep children safe by following the Diocesan Policy for Safeguarding Children.

For further information (including on cyber bullying) visit the Tusla website [www.tusla.ie](http://www.tusla.ie)

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Information for **Parents/Guardians**

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What the Diocese of Limerick will do

- We will create a safe environment and treat children with respect
- We will listen if you or your child have any worries or concerns
- We will follow up on all concerns and complaints

**Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Limerick falls into two categories: Diocesan or Parish based initiatives**

**Diocesan Initiatives** are for the most part run by the Youth Ministry Team. These youth ministry initiatives include school retreats, youth projects and one-off events as well as residential leadership programmes and pilgrimages.

**Parish Initiatives** include Altar Servers, Youth Clubs, Children's Liturgy and Youth Groups. These Parish Groups are generally operating the responsibility of the Parish Priest and leaders recruited by him.

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**An Garda Síochána** Divisional Headquarters, Henry St. Limerick 061 212400  
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Every Parish has a Parish Safeguarding Representative. Enquire to Terry Bovey, Parish Safeguarding Support Worker, Tel: 086 1304775 | [terry@diocese.ie](mailto:terry@diocese.ie)  
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Safeguarding Standards

Accessible Child Safeguarding Information