

# SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT



## DIOCESE OF KERRY

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 well-being and will work in partnership with parents/guardians to do this. We recognise each child is 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 and volunteers) 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. The Diocese of Kerry is also committed to providing a safe environment for adults who may be vulnerable.

**If you have a concern about the welfare or safety of children or an adult who may be vulnerable, please contact any of the following:**

<b>DESIGNATED LIAISON PERSON FOR SAFEGUARDING</b>	<b>Kerry Diocese</b>	<b>087 6362780</b>
<b>TUSLA: THE CHILD &amp; FAMILY AGENCY HSE: VULNERABLE ADULTS</b>	<b>North Kerry</b>	<b>066 7121566</b>
	<b>South Kerry</b>	<b>064 6636030</b>
	<b>North Cork</b>	<b>022 54100</b>
	<b>West Cork</b>	<b>028 40447</b>
<b>AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA</b>	<b>Listowel</b>	<b>068 50820</b>
	<b>Tralee</b>	<b>066 7102300</b>
	<b>Killarney</b>	<b>064 6671160</b>
	<b>Caherciveen</b>	<b>066 9473600</b>
	<b>Bantry</b>	<b>027 20860</b>
	<b>Kanturk</b>	<b>029 20680</b>
<b>GARDAÍ NATIONAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES BUREAU</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>01 6663430</b>

Safe Environments

Child Protection Procedures

Management of Respondents

Care of Complainants

Communication

Training and Support

Quality Assurance

[www.dioceseofkerry.ie/safeguarding](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/safeguarding)

for more information & to view the policy