

STANDARD 6

COMMUNICATING THE CHURCH'S SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE GUIDANCE FOR INDICATOR 6.2



6.2A Template 2: Example Safeguarding Leaflets for Parents/Guardians

What we will do.

- We will create a safe environment for your child.
- We will listen if you or your child have any worries or concerns.
- We will report all concerns and allegations to the statutory authorities.

IF YOU ARE SCARED OR HAVE ANY WORRIES PLEASE CONTACT

Safe and Sound
in the Catholic Church
For Parents

Everyone in the Catholic Church has an obligation to ensure that children are safeguarded from harm, and that children's rights are protected.

This leaflet tells you how we will create a safe environment for your child, and what you should do if you are worried.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Every Church has a Child Safeguarding Policy.
Ask for a copy.**

All those who work with children will be recruited properly.

**We have a Code of Behaviour for adults who work with children.
Ask for a copy.**

Your consent must be asked for when your child becomes involved in activities.

What is Abuse?

Sexual Abuse
Sexual abuse occurs when an adult uses a child for his/her own sexual gratification. It is always wrong.

Physical Abuse
Physical abuse is anything that causes deliberate physical harm to a child.

Emotional Abuse
Emotional Abuse is caused by words and actions which make a child feel unloved, inadequate, creating low self esteem and fear. This may also include bullying amongst peers.

Neglect
Neglect is a form of abuse over a sustained period where a child is deprived of food, warmth and good hygiene.

What you should do.

Get to know who is working with your child; Make sure that your child is never alone with an adult.

Be aware of warning signs.

Be wary of activities or people where you are discouraged from getting involved.

Know the Church's Code of Behaviour.

Talk to someone if you are worried.