



STANDARD 6

COMMUNICATING THE CHURCH'S SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE GUIDANCE FOR INDICATOR 6.2



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IF YOU ARE SCARED OR HAVE ANY WORRIES PLEASE CONTACT

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THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

6.2A Template 3: Example Safeguarding Leaflets for Children



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What does Child Abuse mean?

Most children grow up being loved, cared for and safe but some need to be protected from abuse. Abuse is bad treatment by adults or other children which harms a child and can be when a child:

- Is told hurtful things that make them feel scared, unloved and unwanted
- Is physically hurt, for example hitting, shaking, throwing, burning or scalding
- Is made to do, or watch, something sexual that they don't want to
- Is not looked after properly, does not have enough food or clothes or is left alone
- Is bullied, for example being called names, being hit or pushed, having rumours spread about them or being threatened by someone online.

What you should do.

It is important that children are safe from anyone who tries to harm them, this might be a family member or relative, a neighbour, an online friend, someone who looks after them like a teacher, youth leader, someone who works in the Church, or a stranger.

If you are scared or worried, tell someone.

What we will do.

- We will always listen to your concerns.
- We will try and make the church a safe place for you.
- We will tell those who need to know so you can get help.



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