

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

Clonfert Diocese Policies and Procedures



Clonfert Diocese has a written policy on Keeping Children Safe. It states that each child is a gift from God and must be respected by all. A full copy of this policy has been delivered to each home in the Diocese and is on the Diocesan website: www.clonfert@iol.ie. The policy states that every child and young person has a right to participate safely in Church activities. All clergy, staff and volunteers working in church based activities have been trained to keep children safe. This child-friendly brochure will be distributed to all children participating in parish/church related activities by the Local Safeguarding Officer. Your opinions are important and you will be asked for your views.

GET INVOLVED!
You Are The Church



The following are very important for all activities involving children

NO BULLYING/BULLY FREE ZONE

Bullying Can Be Stopped



Bullying behaviour can scare you by:

- Saying nasty things about you
- Sending nasty text messages
- Using the internet to threaten you
- Leaving you out of the group or activities
- Hurting you, threatening you, kicking, punching, throwing stuff at you, pinching you, or taking stuff off you

Ask your parents or a trusted adult to help you get the bullying stopped.

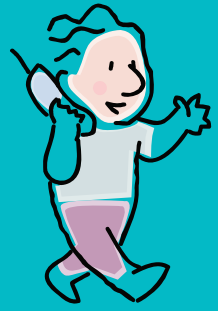
Keeping Safe and Strong

We all need help from time to time. Do not be afraid to ask for help if something is worrying or upsetting you. Please talk to your parents, the group leader, a trusted adult or you can ring any of the services listed at the back of this leaflet.



Yell run and tell

If a stranger, or a bully or even someone you know tries to harm you or touch you in a frightening or confusing way, yell, run away and tell your parents or a trusted adult. It is **NEVER YOUR FAULT** if a grown up does this. Wherever you are it is okay to yell if someone is trying to hurt you. Think about who you would talk to if you had a problem.



Always let your parents know

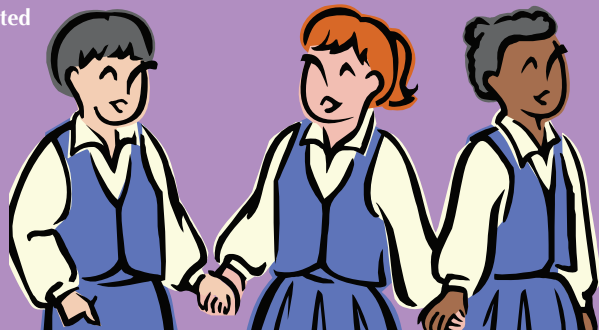
- Where you are going and what time to expect you home. It is best to walk home with friends if you are not travelling by car.
- The name of the group leader/adult supervisor / person in charge of the activity
- If something is bothering you

Parents must inform the group leader of the child's medical or other needs

Codes of Behaviour

Adults and children have a code of behaviour in relation to Church organised activities. These codes set out the rules for what is expected. You may have a chance to help draw up the rules for your activity. These rules will include:-

- Treat each other with respect.
- No bullying.
- No upsetting or frightening touches.
- Children and supervisors must stay within the view of others.
- No rough play.
- Arrive on time.
- Wear the right clothing eg. mass servers outfit.
- Be clean and tidy.
- Treat all property with respect.
- Tell the group leader your parents or a trusted adult if something is worrying you.
- Follow rules for your activity.
- Listen to each other.
- Let your parents know where you are and what time you will be home.

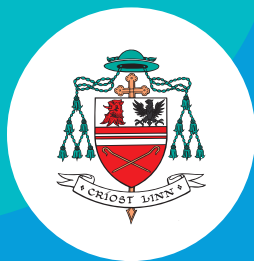


Talk to one of us if something or someone is worrying or upsetting you.

- Your Parents
- Your group leader or supervisor
- Your teacher
- Clonfert Delegates:
Fr. Ciarán Kitching Tel: (090) 967 6151
Ms. Mary Gormley Tel: (087) 288 2500
- Garda Freephone 1800 666 111
- Local HSE Child Protection Services:
Tel: (091) 546228/546229(Galway)
Tel: (091) 546366 or 546370 (Galway)
Tel: (090) 9646200 (Ballinasloe)
Tel: (090) 6626732(Roscommon
(Offaly): Tel: (057) 9359591/
(057) 9359593/(057) 9359595
(Offaly):Tel: (057) 9370700
- Childline Freephone: 1800 666 666



If the first adult you talk to does not help you speak to another trusted adult.



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