

Safeguarding Children

Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora

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 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 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.

A Risk/Hazard Assessment with regard to the Safeguarding of Children has been completed and is available from the Parish Priest. A similar Risk/Hazard Assessment for the Diocese of Galway is available at www.galwaydiocese.ie

Concerns?

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

Ms Aileen Cawley (Diocesan Designated Liason Person)
Tel: 085 - 2288047 Email: acawley@galwaydiocese.ie

Statutory Authorities

Garda National Protective Services Bureau Tel: 01 666 3430 / 3423

Garda Confidential Service Tel: 1800 666 111

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Galway Tel: 091 546235 Mayo Tel: 094 9042030 Clare Tel: 061 482792





For further information on safeguarding children in our Diocese, please contact: Fr John Gerard Acton jgacton@galwaydiocese.ie 091 - 563566