



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The Archdiocese recognises the inherent dignity and rights of all people, regardless of their age, gender, race, religious beliefs, disability, sexual orientation, or family or social background.

Everyone involved in Archdiocesan activities, ministries and services has the right to protection from abuse, exploitation and harm. As such, safeguarding is part of the Archdiocese's primary duty of care.

Purpose

To promote a culture of safeguarding within and across the Archdiocese and reduce the risks of abuse, exploitation and harm associated with Archdiocesan activities, ministries and services.

Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse, exploitation and harm and is committed to promoting and protecting the welfare and human rights of everyone involved in, or affected by, Archdiocesan activities, ministries and services.

The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

The Archdiocese has adopted and adheres to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. The Standards apply to all agencies, parishes, ministries and services under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop.

Compliance

Non-compliance with the framework and associated safeguarding policies, procedures and practices may be grounds for disciplinary action including possible dismissal or termination, reporting to church and/or statutory authorities, and criminal or other legal proceedings.