



Diocese of Elphin

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN



POLICY STATEMENT

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.

Details of Personnel to Contact if you are Concerned about the Welfare and Safety of Children:

If you have a child protection concern or wish to report an allegation of child abuse, please contact one of our Diocesan Designated Liaison Persons who are responsible for receiving / managing concerns and complaints relating to safeguarding children that involve Church personnel.

**Designated Liaison Persons
Diocese of Elphin:**
Helen Diskin & Mary Nicholson
C/O St, Mary's, Sligo Tel: 087-0516888

TUSLA-Child and Family Agency Contact Numbers

Sligo	071-9155133
Leitrim	071-9650324
Roscommon	090-6637528
Galway	091-546366
Athlone	090-6483106
Mayo	094-9042283

An Garda Siochana Confidential Service

Telephone 1800-555222

For further information on safeguarding, contact:

Frank McGuinness,

Office for Safeguarding, Diocese of Elphin, St. Marys, Sligo

087-9880690 or 071-9150106