



Archdiocese of Southwark Safeguarding commitment


The Archdiocese of Southwark is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church. We recognise that the welfare of children, young people and Adults at Risk is paramount and that they all have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.

All safeguarding concerns and allegations **must be reported to the Safeguarding Team (this can be via your PSR or Parish Priest) and will be dealt with compassionately & promptly, in accordance with statutory safeguarding guidance and the National & Archdiocese Safeguarding procedures.**

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk and believe that they may be at risk or in immediate danger, you **must contact the police, dialling 999.**

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

If you wish to report any safeguarding concern, allegation or disclosure please contact the Archdiocese safeguarding team on:

 020 7261 1606

 safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk

 <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/safeguarding>



It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased.

