

OUR DIOCESAN COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING

*We the people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay
are committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people,
especially for **children and others in the community who are vulnerable**.*

*Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ
who teaches the fundamental sanctity of each human person,
and by our dedication to sustained education, practice, and conversation
about our moral, legal, and spiritual obligation to safeguard all those within
our community.*



The protection of children and vulnerable adults within our Diocese will be achieved as every member of our community strives to be a person who:

1. **Wants** our children to be safe, to grow and to flourish, and who have zero-tolerance to any attitude and activity that makes children less than safe;
2. **Acts** with integrity, humility and sincerity, being truthful and open-hearted, and accountable and transparent, throughout our Diocesan community;
3. **Shows** care for the rights of all people who are supported by Diocesan systems that are clear, accessible, and compliant;
4. **Leads** by a constant commitment to raising awareness, education, professional development, and supervision;
5. **Listens** to others with an open heart and mind, and responds well so that concerns and risks may be identified early and addressed;
6. **Reaches** out with compassion to all who have experienced hurt in our community, restoring relationships and building hope through support, acknowledgement and just redress;
7. **Communicates** openly and honestly so that there is a clear articulation and demonstration of expectations, standards, structures and processes for Safeguarding throughout our Diocesan community;
8. **Engages** the knowledge and experience of the wider community so that through dialogue and collaboration we can contribute to growth in the safety and wellbeing of our communities.

*Each of us can make a difference.
Each of us can help to protect one another.
We are called to Step Up and to Speak Out
for the protection of all.*



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The children, young and vulnerable people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay must be kept safe.

**We will be kept safe
by ADULTS who...**



CARE

for us as we are a
precious gift from God

RESPECT our rights,
abilities, contributions,
needs and wishes

ASK us
how we
are feeling
and what we are
thinking, ask us
what we need



LISTEN to
what we are
really saying



TELL us about
dangers –
and what's
being done to
protect us



SEE what other adults
are doing, and how
they are behaving



DO what they are
supposed to do and what
they say they will do



STEP UP AND SPEAK OUT

when we are being hurt, bullied
or treated badly.



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