

6 STANDARD 6

Communicating the Dominican Safeguarding Message

The Dominican National Safeguarding Committee, Safeguarding Coordinator, and the Provincial ensure that the message of 'keeping children safe' is communicated to all personnel, lay faithful and external agencies.

Having a child safeguarding policy and procedure document is a requirement. For the document to be effective, it must be communicated to the relevant people in an appropriate way.

6.1. Practices

Practices are in place to facilitate personnel in having a good working knowledge of the policy and procedures. These practices include

- ◇ Members being inducted into the use of the safeguarding policy and procedures
- ◇ All members, employees and volunteers are required to comply with the procedures.
- ◇ Safeguarding Children Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016 along with the Dominican Safeguarding Policy and Procedures are posted on the website www.dominicans.ie Hard copies of the policy and procedures are available.
- ◇ Safeguarding training and awareness-raising workshops for all personnel are available.
- ◇ Child safeguarding statement and safeguarding notices, including relevant contact details, are on prominent and permanent display in Dominican churches and premises.
- ◇ The Dominican Order is committed to making best use of different media in communicating information about safeguarding.
- ◇ The Safeguarding Committee is established to regularly review safeguarding practices and help publicise the message.

The Dominican Province of Ireland works with the statutory authorities to:

- ◇ Ensure our message is in line with legislation and best practice
- ◇ Ensure the statutory authorities know what the Dominican policy is regarding safeguarding of children and young people.
- ◇ Report all allegations and share information as appropriate.