



RESPONDING TO AND REPORTING ABUSE GUIDE



WHO CAN REPORT?

Anyone

- Child or young person and/or their parent or carer
- Adult or their carer
- Clergy, Religious, Employee, Church worker (paid or unpaid), Volunteer or member of the public
- Witness or third-party person

WHAT TO REPORT?

Concerns, Complaints or Allegations

- Current or historical concerns, allegations, observations, or disclosures of all abuse (physical, emotional, sexual, neglect)
- About a Cleric, Religious, Employee, Church worker (paid or unpaid), Volunteer

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING ~ SAY SOMETHING

WHO TO?

- Complete the **Safeguarding Concern Report** online <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/reporting/>
- Call the Safeguarding Office PH: (08) 9221 7762
- Email the Safeguarding Office director.safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au
- Contact your Parish or Agency Safeguarding Officer

HOW TO?

Safeguarding Concern Report (Policy)

- Safeguarding Program Office

Mandatory Reporting Child Sexual Abuse (Legislative)

- Department of Communities Mandatory Reporting Web System

Reportable Conduct Scheme (Legislative)

- The Archdiocesan Delegated Authority reports to the WA Ombudsman

Vos Estis Lux Mundi (Canonical Crime)

- Canonical Crime Form

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Investigation

The responsible church entity will:

- Report to the relevant authorities (external and internal)
- Investigate and assess to determine outcomes and/or disciplinary action
- Offer support to the person(s) involved

Risk Management

- Initiate risk assessment to determine and mitigate any risks
- Ongoing review of risk management
- Manage people of concern or known offenders