

Archdiocese of Denver

Safe Environment Policies & Practices

- **Reporting Suspicions of Abuse**
 - Signs of Child Abuse and Neglect/Red Flags Handout
 - Report Suspicions of Child Abuse or Neglect to Authorities – **1-844-CO-4-KIDS**
 - Report Grooming behavior to the Archdiocese Reporting Line at 720-239-2832 or Reporting@archden.org
 - Elder Abuse Handout – Church workers are also expected mandated reporters of elder abuse
- **Adult Archdiocesan Safe Environment requirements (18 years and older):**
 - All clergy, deacons, seminarians, religious sisters, employees and all parish and diocesan school volunteers who work with minors are required to comply with the diocesan requirements:
 1. Safe Environment Workshop (Protecting God's Children)
 2. Background check
 3. Code of Conduct (Read and sign)
 - Training and background checks must be renewed every 5 years
- **Training for children / youth who participate in diocese (under 18 years of age):**
 - *Protecting God's Children* Program - Annual age-appropriate lessons
 - Provided for all youth involved in Catholic schools and any diocesan religious education programs
- **Office of Child and Youth Protection (OCYP):**
 - This office is staffed by employees who coordinate the proactive efforts of protection as well as the response when those safeguards fail and someone is harmed. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can help accompany anyone who has been harmed by someone in the Church, and can provide referral resources to aid in healing.

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- **OCYP Website:** Find more information about safe environments within the Archdiocese of Denver and links to numerous resources at <https://archden.org/child-protection/>