

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 mandated reporters of elder and at-risk-adult abuse and neglect.

- **Adult Archdiocesan Safe Environment requirements (18 years and older):**

- All clergy, seminarians, religious, employees and all parish and diocesan school volunteers who work with minors are required to comply with the diocesan requirements:
 1. Safe Environment live training (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):**

- *Empowering God's Children* Program - annual age-appropriate lessons
- Provided for all youth in Catholic schools and religious education programs

- **Office of Child and Youth Protection (OCYP):**

- This office is staffed by professionals who coordinate the proactive efforts of protection as well as the response when someone is harmed. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can help accompany anyone who may need assistance and can provide referral resources to aid in healing.

- Christi.Sullivan@ArchDen.org Director, 303-715-3241
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- **OCYP Website**

Find more child safety information and links to numerous resources, please visit:
<https://archden.org/child-protection/>