



General Code of Conduct (for Adults)

Using this Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct is intended for all adults and may also be relevant for older teenagers. Separate Codes are available for young and older children. You will need to decide which Code is most relevant for your parish, church, program or event depending on the people involved.

Codes of Conduct are important for making sure all people involved in your church or parish activities are aware of their rights and responsibilities.

The Code should be displayed prominently in each church building where people gather regularly. It should be brought to the attention of all those attending at that location when it is posted and for any new parishioners.



General Code of Conduct

We all have the right to feel safe, to be safe and to be treated with respect and fairness at all times.

I will:

- Treat people, regardless of age, gender, race or religion, with respect and honesty
- Listen to what others have to say
- Not abuse or bully anyone else or use inappropriate language
- Respect the right of other people to privacy
- Not disclose personal information that I may become aware of through formal or informal involvement in the church
- Not misuse alcohol or medication, or use tobacco or banned drugs
- Respect the authority and responsibility of leadership
- Ask questions and ask for help if needed
- Report to the appropriate authority if I become aware that a child or vulnerable person is suffering abuse or I have reason to believe someone is at risk of abuse
- Report any concerning behaviour, unwanted attention or behaviour that makes me feel anxious or uncomfortable
- Take responsibility for my own safety and for the safety of vulnerable others around me