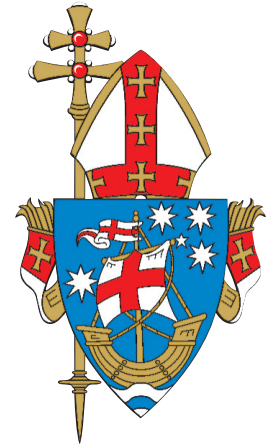


# Responding to allegations or concerns of child abuse flowchart



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Respond

Acknowledge allegations or concerns of child abuse. Listen, be responsive and supportive. Ensure the child's immediate safety.

Record

Record what has been disclosed, heard and or observed as soon as possible using the Safeguarding Record form. Sign and date the form and provide a copy to the Child Protection Unit. Do not investigate.

Report

Make a notification to the Child Abuse Report Line – phone **13 14 78**. Ring Police if a child or young person is in immediate danger. Seek support and guidance from the Child Safe Contact Person or Parish Priest. Alternatively, call the Child Protection Unit – phone **8210 8159**, who are responsible for safeguarding matters. Is the allegation or concern against Church personnel?

If the allegation or concern of abuse against a child or young person is against Church personnel then follow *Procedures for Managing Allegations or Concerns of Child Abuse against Church Personnel*, which can be located in the Parish Office or obtained by contacting the Child Protection Unit.

Support

Cooperate with any investigations conducted by Families SA who are responsible for investigating and planning for intervention.

Where appropriate provide ongoing pastoral care to the child or young person and their family. Monitor situation in consultation with the Child Protection Unit and record any ongoing concerns.

