

4) Children and Youth Sexual Abuse Prevention Programs

Child sexual abuse prevention includes empowering children by teaching them body safety rules and steps they can take to ensure their own safety. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles currently offers the following age-appropriate prevention programs for children:

- VIRTUS® Teaching Touching Safety
- Good-Touch/Bad-Touch®
- “Safe Environment Criteria and Outcomes for High Schools”

Parishes/schools can select from the programs listed above. All these programs encourage parent involvement in reinforcing what their children learn by providing parent information and materials so that parents may fulfill their role as the “primary educators” of their children. For information call: (213) 637-7460.

www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/education.aspx

5) Background Checks and Screening

All clergy, paid parish/school personnel and volunteers who work regularly in a supervisory role with children or youth must be fingerprinted. For information call: (213) 637-7411.

www.la-archdiocese.org/hr/Pages/fingerprinting.aspx

6) Archdiocese of Los Angeles Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Policies

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has implemented rigorous policies and procedures to provide a safe environment in our parishes and parish schools for all children and young people. These include:

- “Zero Tolerance”
- Guidelines for Adults Interacting with Minors
- Archdiocese of Los Angeles Boundary Guidelines for Junior High and High School Youth Working or Volunteering with Children or Youth
- Megan’s Law Compliance Procedures

To view these and other policies:

www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting

7) Reporting Child Abuse

Priests, deacons, school faculty and administrators and other staff members in our parishes and schools have been designated as mandated reporters under California law. When one of these persons receives information leading to a “reasonable suspicion” that a child is being abused or neglected, he or she must make a report to the appropriate child protection or law enforcement agency. For information on Responding to an Allegation of Suspected Child Abuse: www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/vam

If you are being abused, have been abused, or know someone who is being abused, you can seek help directly by contacting one of the Child Protective Services or Law Enforcement Agencies listed below OR you can call Victims Assistance Ministry at (800) 355-2545 for help making a report and assistance accessing the resources listed. In an emergency, dial 911.

Los Angeles County:

LA County Child Abuse Hotline: (800) 540-4000

Investigative Control Unit for All Child Abuse Reports: (213) 486-0530

Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department:

Special Victims Bureau (24 hours) (562) 946-8531
To speak to a detective (562) 946-7960

For callers residing outside the State of California who wish to contact Child Protective Services in Los Angeles:

Santa Barbara County:

Santa Barbara County Child Abuse Hotline: (800) 367-0166

District Attorney Victim-Witness Assistance:

(805) 568-2400

Ventura County:

Ventura County Child Abuse Hotline: (805) 654-3200

District Attorney Victim’s Services: (805) 654-3622

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