



## Safeguarding Risk Assessment Table

The table below sets out the identified risks to the safety of children and young people involved in Church activities in the Irish Province of Carmelites (O.Carm) and the steps taken to minimise the risks of abuse.

**Risk Identified:** Risk of harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by Church personnel or visitors to Church premises child by Church personnel

**Procedure in place to manage risk identified**

- Procedures for safe recruitment and creating and maintaining a safe environment as part of indicators 1.1 and 1.4 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available at: [www.carmelites.ie](http://www.carmelites.ie)

**Risk Identified:** Risk of harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child through bullying by peers

**Procedure in place to manage risk identified**

- Anti-bullying procedures as part of Indicator 1.3 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available at: [www.carmelites.ie](http://www.carmelites.ie)

**Risk Identified:** The environment in which work with children is facilitated fails to protect them from harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015)

**Procedure in place to manage risk identified**

- Procedures to create and maintain safe environments including localised hazard assessments as part of Indicators 1.4 and 1.8 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available at: [www.carmelites.ie](http://www.carmelites.ie)

**Risk Identified:** Risk of harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) to children involved with external groups who use Church property and are unsafe to do so

**Procedure in place to manage risk identified**

- External groups who use Church property procedures to meet Indicator 1.5 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available at: [www.carmelites.ie](http://www.carmelites.ie)

**Risk Identified:** Risk of harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) to a child during outings or trips away (including overnight) from home with peers, Church personnel or strangers

**Procedure in place to manage risk identified**

- Procedures to meet Indicators 1.1, 1.4 and 1.8 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available including trips away from home procedures, localised risk assessment and safe recruitment available at: [www.carmelites.ie](http://www.carmelites.ie)

**Risk Identified:** Risk of harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) through the use of digital media (photography, video, social media)

**Procedure in place to manage risk identified**

- Procedures for the safe use of digital media as part of Indicator 1.9 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available at: [www.carmelites.ie](http://www.carmelites.ie)

**Risk Identified:** Church personnel fail to report an allegation, suspicion, concern or knowledge appropriately

**Procedure in place to manage risk identified**

- Procedures for reporting child abuse allegations, suspicions, concerns or knowledge to meet Indicator 2.1 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available at: [www.carmelites.ie](http://www.carmelites.ie)

**Risk Identified:** Church personnel fail to take action during and following any investigation into allegations of abuse against clerics and religious to ensure children are protected from harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015)

**Procedure in place to manage risk identified**

- Procedures for managing allegations after the civil investigation has concluded to meet Indicators 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available at: [www.carmelites.ie](http://www.carmelites.ie)

**Risk Identified:** Church personnel fail to support those who are victims of abuse

**Procedure in place to manage risk identified**

- Procedures to support complainants to meet Indicators 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of the child Safeguarding Policy available at: [www.carmelites.ie](http://www.carmelites.ie)

**Risk Identified:** Church personnel fail to understand their responsibilities to safeguard children

**Procedure in place to manage risk identified**

- Procedures for child safeguarding training and support to meet indicators 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, and 5.4 of the child Safeguarding Policy available at: [www.carmelites.ie](http://www.carmelites.ie)

**Risk Identified:** Children and their parents do not understand the Church's policy, procedures and structure to safeguarding children and protect them from harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015)

**Procedure in place to manage risk identified**

- Procedures to develop communications, training and support relating to child safeguarding to meet Indicators 5.5, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 of the Child Safeguarding Policy available at: [www.carmelites.ie](http://www.carmelites.ie)

**Risk Identified:** The procedures for safeguarding children from harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) fail to be implemented

**Procedure in place to manage risk identified**

- Procedures to ensure compliance and the implementation of the policy and procedures to meet indicators 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3 of the child Safeguarding Policy, available at: [www.carmelites.ie](http://www.carmelites.ie)

**Risk Identified:** The Church authority fails to ensure the appointment of a relevant person and maintain a list of mandated persons

**Procedure in place to manage risk identified**

- Procedures including safe recruitment, Tusla child safeguarding statement and mandated persons to meet Indicators 1.1, 6.1 and 2.1 of the child Safeguarding Policy available at: [www.carmelites.ie](http://www.carmelites.ie)

**Risk Identified:** Risk of harm of a child (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) being disclosed during the Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Procedure in place to manage risk identified**

- Procedure to meet Indicator 2.1 of the Child Safeguarding Policy in relation to the Sacrament of Reconciliation available at: [www.carmelites.ie](http://www.carmelites.ie)