



## **Children, Young and Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Commitment Statement**

**The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth believe that all people have the right to be safe and respected. We are particularly committed to creating environments where children, young people and Adults at Risk feel as safe. We make the following safeguarding commitments:**

- We commit to a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of abuse particularly the abuse of children, young people, and adults at risk.**

**We commit to protecting all persons entrusted to our care in places where we live and work, and in the pastoral ministries in which we are involved.**

- We commit to creating safe physical and online environments**
- We commit to implementing safeguarding policies and procedures, which are regularly reviewed.**
- We commit to a prompt, compassionate and just response to any complaint or notification of harm or abuse and to reporting without delay to the appropriate authorities.**
- We commit to offering support to all persons impacted by abuse including the victim/survivor and their family.**
- We commit to ongoing formation in the area of Safeguarding of children and adults at risk for all Sisters, including new Province members, and those associated with the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth.**

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