

MIA Statement on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Mercy International Association upholds the dignity and rights of all people with a particular focus on Children and vulnerable adults. We are committed to ensuring their safety and well-being and will work in partnership with parents/guardians (where applicable) to do this. We recognise each child as a gift from God and God's special care for those who experience circumstances of particular vulnerability. We will encourage the participation of children and vulnerable adults in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development.

All Mercy International Association personnel have a responsibility to safeguard children and vulnerable adults through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse.

Mercy International Association is not a constituent part of the Catholic Church in Ireland. None-the-less it identifies strongly with the Catholic Church since all of its Member Congregations are Institutes of Pontifical Right within the Catholic Church. It therefore adopts and fully endorses the policy statements and standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland as publicly available through the website www.safeguarding.ie

Details of Personnel to Contact if you are concerned about the Welfare and Safety of Children/Vulnerable Person

If you have a safeguarding concern, or wish to report an allegation directly related to Mercy International Association, please contact our Designated Liaison Person:

Name	Mobile Number
Thérèse Gaynor CORU Designated Liaison Person (DLP) dlp@mercyinternational.ie	087 4840417

Or you can report your concern directly to:

Name	Telephone No	Emergency No
TUSLA (Child and Family Agency)	01 6486555	999 or 112
HIQA Chief Inspector (Vulnerable Persons)	021 240 9339	
An Garda Síochána: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting Helpline • Pearse Street, Dublin • Harcourt Street, Dublin 	1800 555 222 01-6669082 01-6663430	

"Mercy International Association is committed to providing a safe environment for all who interact with the association with special care for children and vulnerable adults"

