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- 3 Assure them they are not to blame.
- 4 Tell them what you are going to do.
- 5 Make careful notes of what is said, record dates, times, events and when you are told.
- 6 Report it to your Clergy, Parish Safeguarding Officer or Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor.
- 7 Only tell those who need to know

Useful Contacts

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