

Justice, Peace, Human Dignity

The final promise of our Baptismal Covenant urges us to: *Strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.*

The Episcopal Diocese of Texas is committed to ensuring that its churches, schools, and institutions live out our Baptismal promises by providing an environment free of abuse, exploitation, and harassment.

Through the ministries of Safe Church, The Diocese of Texas provides resources to ensure that every person's dignity is respected and protected.



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Safe Church

*Establishing environments of health,
safety, and mutual care across the
Episcopal Diocese of Texas.*



*A Ministry of
Wellness and Care*

The Episcopal Diocese of Texas

Safeguarding Children in the Diocese of Texas

Every adult who works with or around children (including clergy) is required to be *Safeguarding God's Children* certified through the online Safeguarding Records System (SRS).

This includes: all EDOT* employees, Sunday School teachers, youth workers, school teachers, parent volunteers, and other frequent volunteers.



Certified means that:

- they have applied and been interviewed for their work;
- reference and background checks are complete;
- three hour training class is complete;
- they have received, read, and understand Diocesan Safe Church Policies, and signed a form acknowledging this.



*We must diligently protect the
children and adults in our care.
Establishing safe environments is
everyone's responsibility.*

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*Be sure that your parish, school,
or institution is following
Safe Church Policies for
certification and best practices.*

**All EDOT employees must also be certified in
Safeguarding God's People in the Workplace.*

Safeguarding Adults in the Diocese of Texas

Every person who has leadership and/or pastoral oversight of other adults is required to be *Safeguarding God's People* certified through the online SRS.

This includes all clergy, paid* and volunteer staff, vestry or bishop's committee members, pastoral care givers, etc. A complete list is available through the Safe Church office.

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- they have applied and been interviewed for their work;
- reference and background checks are complete;
- three hour training class is complete;
- they have received, read, and understand Diocesan Safe Church Policies, and signed a form acknowledging this.

Safeguarding Certifications must be renewed every five years.