

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH (“THE DIOCESE”)

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Our aim is to ensure that all Diocesan properties, and the activities conducted within them, are safe and without risks, so far as is reasonably practicable.

All reasonably practicable steps shall be taken to comply with Health and Safety legislation, Fire Precaution regulations and recommended safe working practices, notwithstanding any arguments over the legal relevance to church activities.

The Diocese requires that all Clergy, employees and voluntary workers take reasonable care of the safety of themselves and others, display a positive attitude towards health and safety and be encouraged to report any unsafe condition within the boundaries of Parish property immediately, in order that remedial action can be taken.

Full details of any accident to a person, within the boundaries of any Diocesan property, must be reported immediately, so that it can be recorded and fully investigated in order to prevent a recurrence.

The Diocese also requires that the Clergy in charge of Parishes take all reasonable and practicable steps to ensure that people with disabilities are provided with the access and resources necessary to enable them to participate in all aspects of the church’s life and ministry.

.....
Right Reverend Roger Francis Crispian Hollis, Bishop of Portsmouth

Date: 2009