

1.8 A (1) HAZARD ASSESSMENT POLICY of the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore

The Diocese of Waterford & Lismore is committed to the physical, emotional, and spiritual safety of all children in its care and of the adults who work with them.

A hazard is a potential source of harm to a person. All who work with or are responsible for children in a church setting must carry out a hazard assessment to identify dangers that may arise for children or adults in the course of church activities.

Hazard assessment embraces potential failures in effective safeguarding practice, in health and safety and in a problem with the venue. If a problem with the venue is discovered this must be raised with the appropriate authority in charge of health and safety for the Church body. The following form should be used to assess hazards for all church activities involving children.

Hazard Assessment Form

Name of group _____

Date of hazard assessment _____

Person completing the hazard assessment _____

Hazard	Who is at risk?	Likelihood of harm	Steps to eliminate hazard

Signed: _____

Date: _____