



# Society of St. Vincent de Paul **NEW ORLEANS**

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## SVdP New Orleans' Commitment to Providing a Safe Environment

### Policy Statement:

In the context of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Archdiocesan Council of New Orleans, Safe Environment means working to ensure that we assist people in need. We are committed to doing no harm to them physically, mentally or spiritually, nor put them at risk of abuse or neglect. This policy seeks to address the provision of a safe environment as it applies to children and young people, the elderly and individuals with mental and/or physical disabilities.

It also applies to other vulnerable people, acknowledging that people could be vulnerable to abuse or neglect by reason of their age, physical/mental disability, or reliance on support services.

This policy will be in alignment with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's national policy on Safeguarding as well as the Archdiocese of New Orleans' policy and state/local laws.

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