

PARENT OVERVIEW TOUCHING SAFETY PROGRAM

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Touching Safety Program

- Diocese of Trenton is committed to ensuring the safety of children and youth.
- Initiatives:
 - Fingerprinting, criminal background checks, codes of conduct and safe environment training for clergy, employees and volunteers
- *Protecting God's Children – Teaching Touching Safety*

TEACHING SAFETY PROGRAM

- Designed to assist parents, teachers and young people
- Four specific age groups:
 - Grade K-2
 - Grades 3-5
 - Grades 6-8
- Consists of two lessons each year
 - Developmentally appropriate

Touching Safety Program

- Year 1:
 - Lesson 1: Touch Safety Rules
 - Simple rules
 - What to do
 - How to react
 - Lesson 2: Safe Friends, Safe Adults and Safe Touches
 - Establish basic guidelines for working together to make certain which friends and other adults can be trusted to act safely

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- Year 2:
 - Lesson 3: Boundaries
 - Personal boundaries
 - Identifying and honoring those boundaries
 - Lesson 4: Telling Someone You Trust
 - Learn who to tell when something makes them feel uncomfortable or confused
 - Begins to explore the phenomenon of 'secrets'

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- Year 3:
 - Lesson 5: Grooming
 - Learn types of behavior that may indicate that an adult is ‘grooming’ them for something more than friendship
 - Discuss instincts
 - Lesson 6: “No secrets”
 - Reinforces and builds on Year2
 - Peer pressure and other influencers
 - Begins to assist children to develop their own decision-making process

TEACHING TOUCHING SAFETY

- LESSON ONE - CONDUCTED IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER
- LESSON TWO - CONDUCTED IN MARCH/APRIL
- COMPLETED DURING RELIGION CLASS TIME

TEACHING TOUCHING SAFETY

- LETTER DISTRIBUTED
- MUST BE RETURNED BY END OF NEXT WEEK

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