

# Safe Environment Milestones in the Diocese

**1988**  
Creation of Intervention Task Force

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Adoption of Sexual Abuse Policy, (Revised 1996, 2003)

**1993**  
Formation of Independent Review Board

**1998**  
Adoption of Code of Ethical Standards

**1998**  
Intervention Task Force becomes Immediate Response Team

**2000**  
Addition of Victims' Advocate

**2002**  
USCCB adopts *Charter for the Protection of Children & Young People*

**2002**  
Diocese among the first three in the nation to pilot Protecting God's Children

All school and parish employees and volunteers working with children:

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Workshop attendance required

Continuing online safety education required

**2003**  
Independent auditors find diocese compliant with the *Charter*

**2005**  
Diocese staffs Safe Environment Office

**2005**  
Independent auditors find diocese compliant with all but Article 12 of the *Charter*, requirement to offer personal safety programs in parish programs

**2006**  
Diocese adopts personal safety programs from:

Praesidium

Talking About Touching

**2006**  
Parents receive advance information about the personal safety curriculum and sign permission letters

**2006 & 2007**  
Independent auditors find diocese compliant with all aspects of the *Charter*