



Fact sheet: What is a reportable crime?

A reportable crime is an offence that can be punishable by at least 5 years' imprisonment. The Archdiocese requires all reportable crimes to be reported to the NSW Police.

The types of reportable crimes that are likely to arise in the parish or agency context are:

Physical assault of a child or adult

For example: hitting, pushing, shoving, throwing objects, making threats of physical harm.

Any other sexual activity with a child

For example: any act of a sexual nature with or towards a child, including making a child commit an act of a sexual nature towards the offender.

Possessing, disseminating or producing child abuse material

Child abuse material includes: child pornography, as well as material that depicts a child as a victim of torture, cruelty or physical abuse

Sexual or indecent assault of a child or adult

For example: sexual intercourse (which is interpreted broadly), intended sexual assault, touching, threatening to touch, and/or kissing without consent.

Note: a child under the age of 16 cannot give consent.

Grooming a child for sexual activity behaviour

For example: inappropriate gift giving, spending inappropriate "special time" with a child, inappropriately allowing a child to overstep the rules, testing boundaries with a child, inappropriately extending a relationship outside work, or engaging in inappropriate personal communication with a child.

Stealing

For example: any act of stealing, regardless of the value of the property stolen.