

# **Policy Statement on Child Protection**

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Saint Joseph University of Beirut, represented by Professor Salim DACCACHE s.j., Rector of the University, is a private French-speaking Catholic institution of higher education founded in 1875 by the Jesuit Fathers, headquartered in Beirut, Lebanon.

Within the framework of its competencies, the University, aware of the importance of children's welfare and aiming at establishing a sound world fit for children, is strongly committed to promoting actions designed to preserve and safeguard children's safety, and to protect them from any form of danger and/or exploitation and abuse.

On this basis, having adopted the UNICEF definition of a child as being under 18 years old, the University has appointed a **Child Protection Delegate (CPD)** whose mission is to implement procedures, ensure full respect for the rights of the child, intervene in case of allegations or complaints, and establish a training and awareness-raising system for the Saint Joseph University of Beirut Community on child protection.

Furthermore, in the event of allegations or complaints of child abuse occurring in any of the institutions of Saint Joseph University of Beirut, involving a Jesuit, a tutor, a student, a teacher, and/or a visitor to the University, such allegations or complaints should be immediately reported to the Child Protection Delegate who, in line with procedures, shall take immediate action and work jointly with the Child Protection Committee under the aegis of the University Observatory for Children and Youth in Lebanon (CEIL), the University Board and the concerned authorities to handle the case in the best interest of the child.

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