

Policy Statement on Child Protection

Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth (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 the children's welfare and aiming at establishing a sound world fit for children, is strongly committed to promoting actions designed to preserve and safeguard the 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 a person 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 on the field in case of allegations or complaints, and establish a training and awareness-raising system on child protection for the Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth community.

Furthermore, in the event of allegations or complaints of child abuse occurring in or outside any of the institutions of Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth, involving a Jesuit, a tutor, a student and/or a teacher, 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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