



## RCUS Best Practice Guidelines for Rabbis & Rebbetzins

This document is an Appendix to the US Staff Handbook. It provides Guidelines to rabbis and rebbetzins, specifically in the area of safeguarding, of both congregants and themselves. It is to be used in conjunction with existing US policies, notably the Child Protection Policy and Vulnerable Adults Policy.

The role of this document is to provide guidance for clergy who are frequently meeting with vulnerable individuals and ensure that all parties involved are properly protected. It is of paramount importance that clergy carry out their pastoral duties with diligence, while taking every possible step to avoid potentially compromising situations; particularly those in which clergy are unable to defend themselves against vexatious allegations. While no strategy can eliminate these risks entirely, sensible safeguarding protocols can minimise them.

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