

# Promoting a safer church

*The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church*

**House of Bishops  
Safeguarding Policy  
for children, young  
people & adults**

# Supporting a kinder church

**PCC Policy for  
Complaints and  
Whistleblowing**

## IF YOU ARE CONCERNED

*that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Advisor or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.*

### Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

Name: .....  
Role: .....  
Tel: .....  
E-mail: .....

Name: .....  
Role: .....  
Tel: .....  
E-mail: .....

Name: .....  
Role: **Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor**  
Tel: .....  
E-mail: .....

**Local Authority Social Services**  
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**IF THERE IS IMMEDIATE RISK OR DANGER  
PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE ON 101.**

## OUR COMMITMENTS

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns/allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk.

## HELPLINES

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Stop It Now: 0808 1000 900
- NAPAC 0808 801 0331
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Family Lives: 0808 800 2222
- National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247
- Action On Elder Abuse: 0808 808 8141



[www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)

## OUR COMMITMENTS

- Encouraging a free, open and honest communication culture
- Handling complaints swiftly, with a clear procedure to follow
- Caring for those involved with impartiality and compassion

## IF YOU ARE CONCERNED

- About a Church Member, speak to the senior minister or other clergy

Name: .....  
Role: .....  
Tel: .....  
E-mail: .....

- About the senior minister or other clergy, speak to a Churchwarden

Name: .....  
Role: .....  
Tel: .....  
E-mail: .....

- Serious or criminal matters should be referred to the Diocesan Bishop

Helping parishes to share  
the good news of Jesus!