



The Methodist Church values every human being as part of God's creation. Everyone has the right to fair treatment and protection from harm.

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# Safeguarding Policy Statement

The Methodist Church commits to:

- The creation of a **safe environment and culture** where all are welcome and everyone feels able to speak out about safeguarding concerns
- **Pastoral care for victims and survivors** of abuse, and other people who have been affected by safeguarding issues
- **A prompt and appropriate response** to every safeguarding concern or allegation regardless of status or circumstance
- Carry out **risk assessments** and put **safeguarding measures** in place where individuals may present a risk
- Pastoral care for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations
- **Safe recruitment** of all those who have responsibility for children and adults who may be vulnerable
- **The promotion of good safeguarding practice** through effective training, guidance, policy and procedures

## Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility



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# Safeguarding Contacts

## Emergency contacts

Police 999

Local Authority

## Reporting safeguarding concerns, help and guidance

Church/Circuit Safeguarding Officer

Minister in Pastoral Charge

District Safeguarding Officer

## Helplines

Police non-emergency ... 101  
NSPCC ..... 0808 800 5000  
Childline ..... 0800 1111  
Action on Elder Abuse ... 0808 808 8141  
Family Lives ..... 0808 800 2222  
National Domestic  
Abuse Helpline ..... 0808 2000 247  
Samaritans ..... 116 123

Local helplines

## Information about safeguarding in the Methodist Church

Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and  
Guidance for the Methodist Church  
[www.methodist.org.uk/safeguarding](http://www.methodist.org.uk/safeguarding)

Location of church/circuit safeguarding  
policy: