



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:**