

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

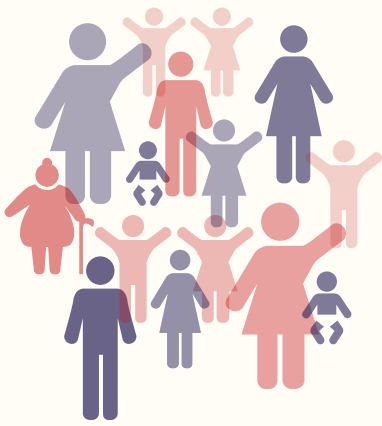
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# Safeguarding Policy Statement

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

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| 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: