



THE CHURCH
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parish safeguarding



Briefing For Churchwardens

Promoting a Safer Church

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Welcome and thank you



The Church of England

Diocese of Ely

National Safeguarding Standards

The Church has committed to developing a set of National Safeguarding Standards as part of a quality assurance framework. The quality assurance framework currently under development will be a mechanism for:

- Asking and answering the question: How well are we doing this and what is the difference / outcome being achieved?
- Analysing the answers to this question to gain learning and deepen organisational safeguarding understanding and expertise.
- Using that learned expertise to drive systematic change and continuous improvement in both the quality and impact of the activity, and to increase our knowledge and understanding of the evolving nature of Church-based abuse.

Prevention

Church bodies have in place a planned range of measures which together are effective in preventing abuse in their context.

Culture, Leadership and Capacity

Church bodies have the safe and healthy culture, effective leadership, resourcing and scrutiny arrangements necessary to deliver high quality safeguarding practices and outcomes.

Recognising, Assessing and Managing Risk

Risk assessments, Safeguarding Agreements and associated processes are of a high quality and result in positive outcomes. The assessment and management of risk is underpinned by effective partnership working

Victims and Survivors

Victims and survivors experience the timeliness and quality of Church bodies' responses to disclosures, and their subsequent support, as positively helping the healing process and meeting their needs.

Learning, Supervision and Support

All those engaged in safeguarding related activity in Church bodies receive the type and level of learning, professional development, support and supervision necessary to respond to safeguarding situations, victims and survivors, and respondents, effectively.

Local Updates

Safeguarding Strategy 2023-2026

Annual Report 2022

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Required Safeguarding Training for Churchwardens

Basic Safeguarding Training

Foundation Safeguarding Training

[Church of England Safeguarding Training Portal](#)

Additional Safeguarding Training for Churchwardens

Leadership Training

(required if parish will be or is in vacancy)

Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse Training

Safer Recruitment And People Management Training and

(only if relevant to role)

[Diocese of Ely Website](#)

The Church of England's Safeguarding Policy Statement

Promoting a Safer Church

Promoting
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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

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED
If you are concerned about a child or young person, or an adult, in a church, please contact your local Safeguarding Officer or the Local Authority Child Protection Team. For more information, see the Safeguarding Policy Statement on the Church of England website.

OUR COMMITMENTS

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility towards children and vulnerable adults
- Responding promptly to any safeguarding concerns or allegations
- 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 potential risk

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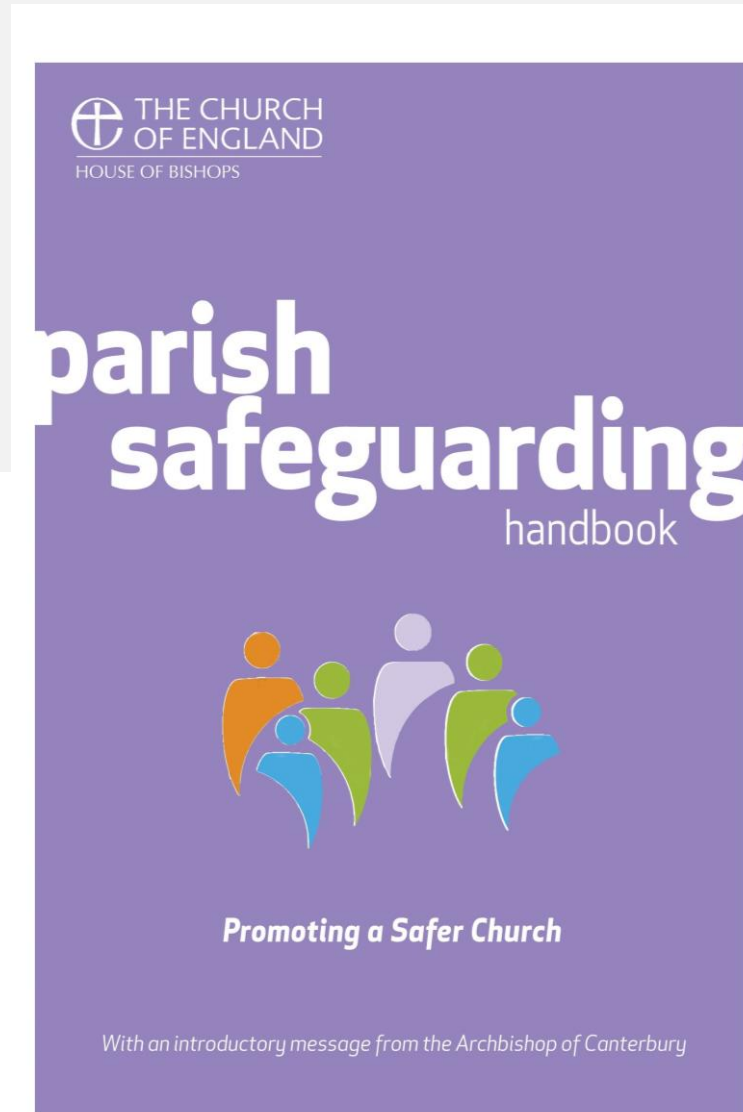
Promoting a Safer Church Commitments

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






Practice Guidance:

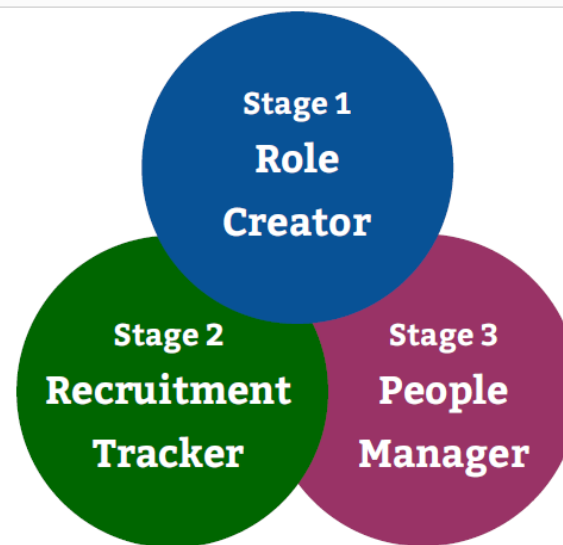
- Parish Safeguarding Handbook
- Safer Environment and Activities



<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding/policy-practice-guidance>

Parish Safeguarding Dashboard and Safeguarding Hub

| Church Safeguarding | |
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| Dashboard Overview | |
| <p>Green is good - Amber for action - Red means urgent Select any statement for more information</p> | |
|  | <p>Safeguarding Policy The PCC has approved a safeguarding policy and reviewed its action plan on 06/03/18.</p> |
|  | <p>Safeguarding Procedures The PCC has a procedure to deal promptly with any safeguarding allegations or concerns.</p> |
|  | <p>Safeguarding Roles 2 actions need to be completed, 1 of which is urgent.</p> |
|  | <p>Safeguarding Training One action needs to be completed.</p> |
|  | <p>Displayed Information Each church building is displaying important safeguarding information.</p> |
|  | <p>Reviews and Reports Safeguarding is regularly reviewed and reported upon.</p> |



The *Safer Recruitment Hub* simplifies the recruitment of church volunteers who work with children, young people or vulnerable adults.

Churchwarden's safeguarding responsibilities

- Ensure that in the period of a vacancy (during an interregnum), that the incumbent's safeguarding roles and responsibilities are fulfilled, in consultation with the PCC, Parish Safeguarding Officer and the area dean
- Pay attention to the specific needs of children and vulnerable adults when undertaking health and safety inspections and risk assessment
- Ensure that risk assessments are carried out before new activities are undertaken

Churchwarden's safeguarding responsibilities

- Ensure that all parish activities with children and vulnerable adults are adequately supervised and insured
- Ensure that the parish has procedures for responding to complaints and grievances
- Answer questions regarding safeguarding as they arise in the archdeacon's visitations, and respond to any specific safeguarding advice, which may be given from the archdeacon.

Support to Parishes from Diocesan Safeguarding Team

- Key role allegations/safeguarding concerns
 - Advice and support to survivors and victims of abuse
 - Carrying out or commissioning risk assessments
 - Providing advice to Bishop and other church officers
 - Parish Focused Support
 - Training
- PSO support
 - Advise on implementation of House of Bishop's Policy and Practice Guidance and promoting good practice
 - Safer Recruitment – including DBS checks/APCS accounts
 - Parish Safeguarding Dashboard
 - Providing resources - including website

Diocesan Safeguarding Team

Safeguarding Duty Phone: 01353 652747 (Please do not use this number for queries about DBS checks, training or recruitment issues)

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Questions