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parish safeguarding



Briefing For Churchwardens

Promoting a Safer Church

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Welcome and thank you



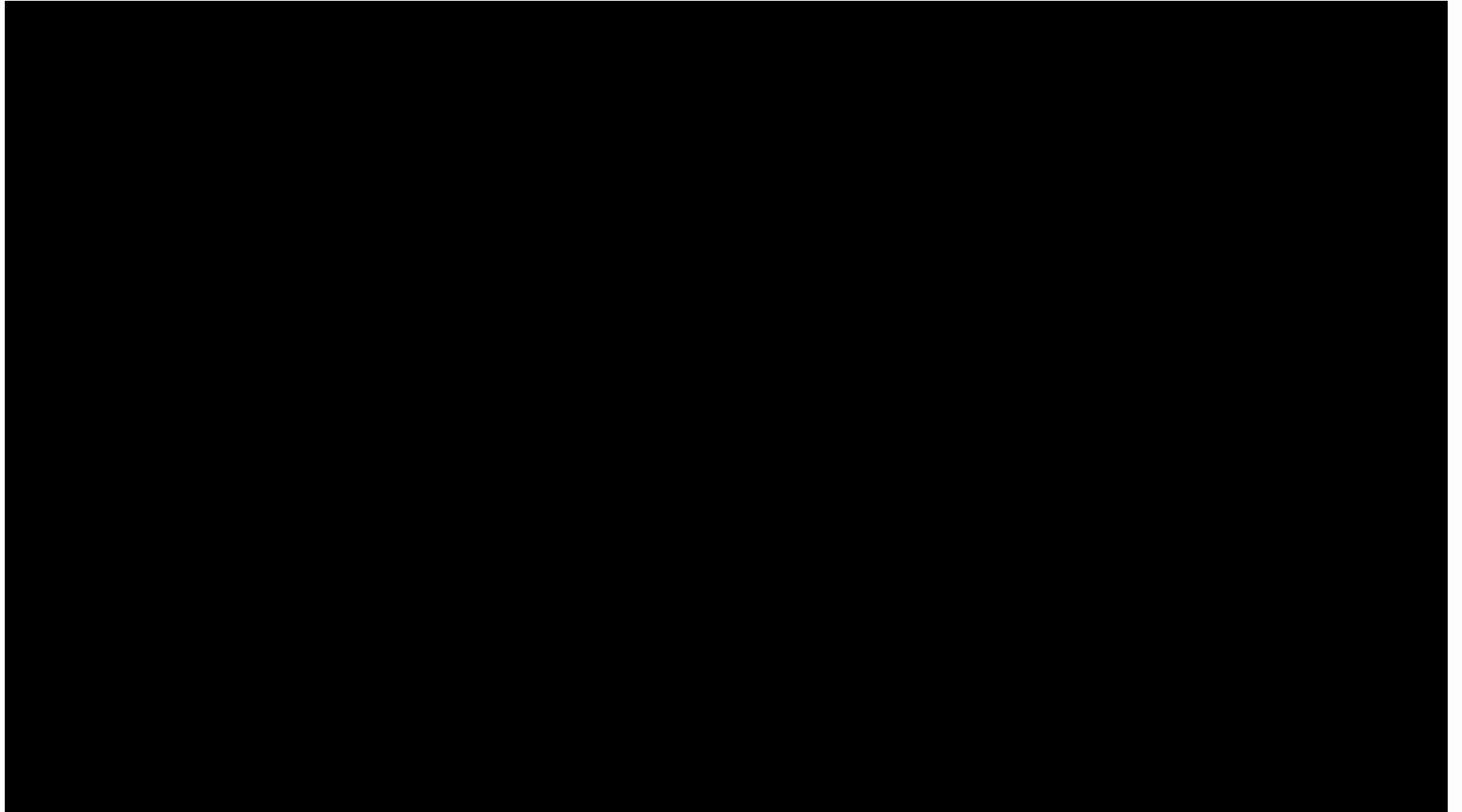
The Church of England

Diocese of Ely

Introduction by the Bishop of Ely



Stephen Ly



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](#)



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The Church of England's Safeguarding Policy Statement

Promoting a Safer Church

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

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED

If someone you know is acting in a way that shows a concern about children, please tell them there is a safeguarding issue or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police immediately.

Local Authority Social Care Services or Police

Name _____
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Local Authority Social Services

If you are concerned about an individual please contact the police on 101.

OUR COMMITMENTS

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

HELPLINES

• NSPCC 0800 028 0280	• FamilyLine 0800 900 1110
• Childline 0800 1111	• National Domestic Violence Helpline 0800 328 347
• Youthline 0800 1300 000	• Advice for Elder Abuse 0800 000 1141
• Samaritans 0800 900 0000	• Childline 0800 1111

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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.

Why do we have these safeguarding commitments?

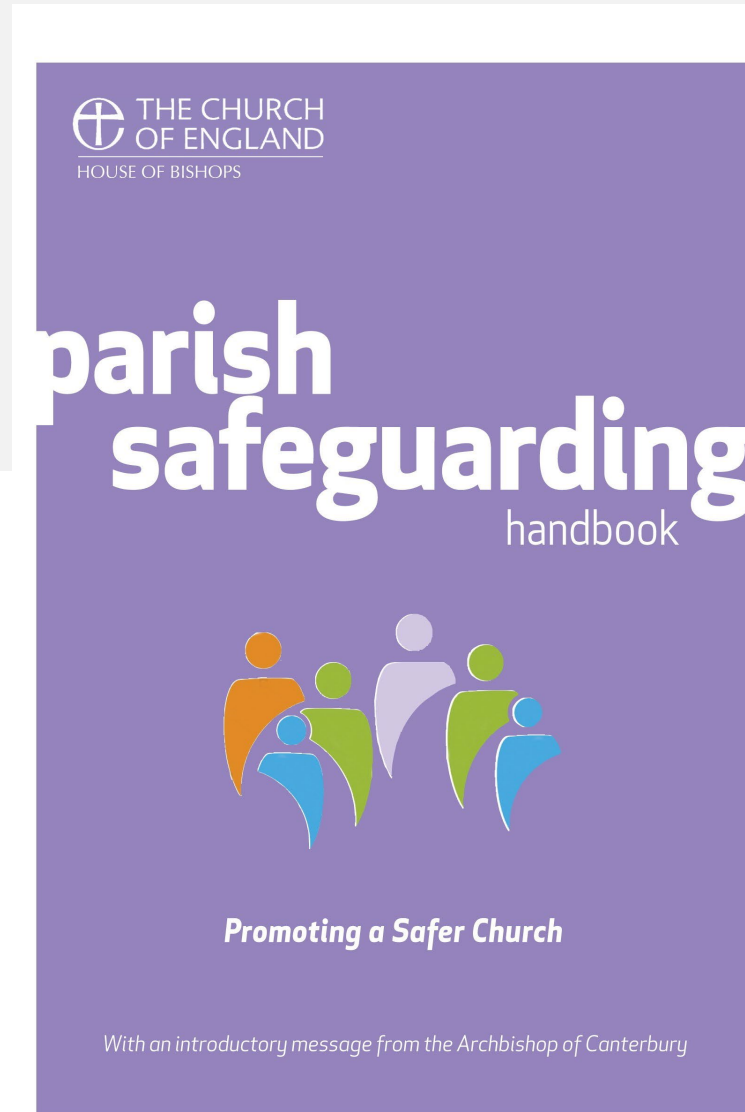
- Essential Gospel Imperative
- Learning from the past
- Due regard





Practice Guidance:

- Parish Safeguarding Handbook
- Safer Environment and Activities



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

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.

Parish Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities – Safeguarding Audit

PCC and APCM
meetings

Policy Adoption

PSO

Risk Assessments





Website and
noticeboards

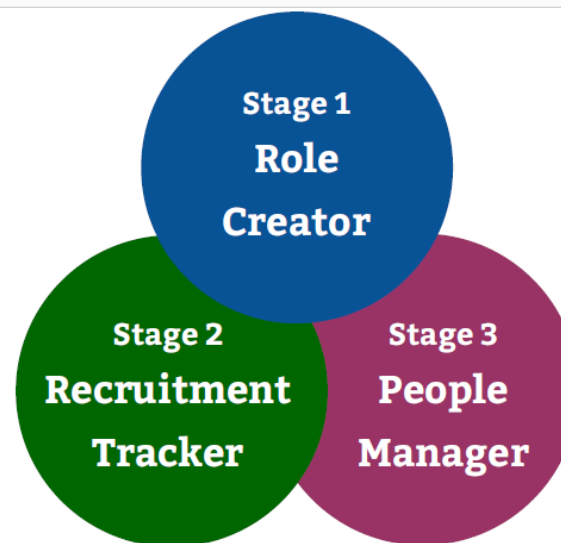
Adequate
Insurance

Safer Recruitment
and DBS checks
and Training

Procedure for
dealing with
safeguarding
concerns or
allegations

Parish Safeguarding Dashboard

Church Safeguarding	
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.

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