

OUR COMMITMENT

As an organisation concerned with Christian principles and ministry in family life, the nurture and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults is at the heart of Mothers' Union. Both individually as members and collectively as an organisation, Mothers' Union has a duty to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults, doing everything possible to ensure that they are safe when involved in Mothers' Union activities.

For more information visit:

www.mothersunion.org/safeguarding-and-you

REMEMBER THE 4 R'S

RECOGNISE

the signs that could indicate abuse is happening

RESPOND

sensitively and listen

RECORD

the facts you have been told

REFER

What you have seen or been told –

DON'T KEEP IT TO YOURSELF

If someone discloses abuse to you:

- ✓ Remain calm, approachable and receptive
- ✓ Take what is said seriously
- ✓ Listen carefully without interrupting
- ✓ Acknowledge you understand how difficult this must be
- ✓ Offer reassurance that it is the right thing to do
- ✓ Tell them what will happen next
- ✓ Record what has been said and when
- Don't:
 - ✗ Promise complete confidentiality
 - ✗ Make assumptions
 - ✗ Investigate or contact others involved
 - ✗ Discuss with those who don't need to know

Pass it on...

If you are concerned about the well-being of a child or an adult, you must pass this on to:

- The person in your church responsible for safeguarding
- The person with safeguarding responsibility for the activity you are involved in.

If in doubt, contact the Mothers' Union Diocesan Safeguarding Contact.

Your concerns will be addressed with confidentiality and reported to the police or social services in order to protect those who are vulnerable from harm.



... don't keep it to yourself



Who do I contact?

(Please find out)

Person to whom you are responsible:

Person responsible for safeguarding in your church:

MU Diocesan Safeguarding Contact:

If there is immediate danger to a child or an adult, contact the police by dialling 999