



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

The **Methodist** Church 

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

**Location of church/circuit safeguarding
policy:**