

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

that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.

Your safeguarding contacts are:

Name: Lesley Hurst

Role: Cathedral Safeguarding Adviser

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Email: lesley.hurst@blackburn.anglican.org

Name: Catherine Smith

Role: Diocesan Safeguarding Officer

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Email: safeguarding@blackburn.anglican.org

Outside of office hours, you can seek support or general safeguarding advice from:

Thirty One:Eight

Tel: 0303 0031111

Visit: thirtyoneeight.org

If any person is at immediate risk of harm, always call 999.

OUR COMMITMENTS

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- 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 present risk.

HELPLINES

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Childline: 0808 1111
- Family Lives: 0808 800 2222
- Stop It Now: 0808 1000 900
- Refuge: 0808 2000 247
- NAPAC: 0808 801 0331
- Hourglass: 0808 8010 327