



Workshop title: Safeguarding Children in Churches - leaders

Aim: To help churches ensure their paid and volunteer youth workers know how to keep children safe

Designed for: Church leaders, elders, deacons, stewards and PCC

Objectives: During the workshop, leaders will

- understand what is meant by safeguarding children
- appreciate their legal and moral role and responsibility in safeguarding children
- assess the robustness of their safeguarding policy and procedures
- identify how to ensure best practice with all their children's and youth workers
- develop a comprehensive training programme for everyone in their church

Method: This workshop will be highly participative, using practical examples and exercises to help everyone relate the learning to their work in the church

Length: Four hours

Content: **Safeguarding and child protection**

- * Why this is needed in church
- * The buck stops here – the role of leaders
- * Recognising signs of different types of abuse

The law and government guidelines

- * Current legislation
- * Working together to safeguard children guidelines (DfE)
- * Local Safeguarding Children Boards

Church policy and procedures

- * Why have a policy – the benefits and risks
- * What it should include and why
- * Make the policy and procedures work across the whole church

Safeguarding children in action

- * Safer recruitment practice
- * Raise the awareness of safeguarding through regular training

Faith communities should have appropriate arrangements in place to safeguard and promote children's welfare. Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015)