

**Workshop title:** Safeguarding Children in Churches - workers

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

**Designed for:** Children's and youth workers

**Objectives:** During the workshop, workers will

- understand what is meant by safeguarding children
- identify different types of child abuse and recognise signs of abuse
- consider current legislation, guidelines and standards
- clarify their roles and responsibilities of the raising a safeguarding alert
- apply safeguarding best practice in running all children's and youth activities

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

**Length:** 3 hours

**Content:** **Safeguarding and child protection**

- \* Why this is needed in churches
- \* Different types of child abuse
- \* Recognising signs of abuse

**The law and government guidelines**

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

**Concerns and disclosures**

- \* Why children can't tell
- \* Responding to concerns and signs of abuse
- \* Reporting abuse

**Safeguarding children in action**

- \* Putting your safeguarding policy into practice
- \* Safeguarding best practice day to day

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