

Safeguarding at All Saints Clifton

What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is about more than the child and adult protection systems. It is about preventing harm to children and adults wherever possible - sometimes this results in needing to use the child and adult protection systems to address concerns, make someone safer and bring an offender to justice.

This page is a summary of our aims and what to do if you are concerned about a safeguarding issue.

The All Saints' full Safeguarding Policy is available on request from the [church office](#)

Our Aims

Children, young people and adults are part of the learning, worshipping, caring and changing community of All Saints.

We are committed to:

- The care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all adults and children.
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- The establishment of safe, caring communities that provide a loving environment where there is a culture of 'informed vigilance' as to the dangers of abuse.

(Protecting All God's Children 2010)

What To Do?

Whether a child, young person or adult has shared a concern with you or you have seen or heard something of concern here is some important information:

If the situation is urgent – i.e. there is an imminent risk of harm:

- Contact the Police on 101 or 999 as appropriate
- OR
- Contact the Local Authority Children or Adult Safeguarding Teams:
 - **Bristol Children's Safeguarding Team**
 - First Response Team **0117 903 6444**
 - When the offices are closed call the [Social Work Emergency Duty Team 01454 615 165](#).
 - **Bristol Adults' Safeguarding Team**
 - Care Direct on **0117 922 2700**, 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.
 - There's an answerphone service outside these hours.

Once you have sought advice from the Police or the Local Authority and the situation is made safe, inform the [Parish Safeguarding Officer](#) as soon as possible of the concern and actions taken, and also provide a written record of this.

If the concern is about the Parish Safeguarding Officer contact the [Incumbent](#) (Vicar) or [Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser](#).

If the situation is of concern but is not urgent:

Contact the [Parish Safeguarding Officer](#) to report the concern and also provide a written record.

If the concern is about the Parish Safeguarding Officer contact the [Incumbent](#) (Vicar) or [Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser](#).

The relevant person will then decide with you whether to discuss with the child and their parents or carers, or the adult and any carers, and whether a referral to the Local Authority Children or Adults' Safeguarding Team is needed or any other action.

Note: Anyone can report a concern directly to police or the Local Authority at any time.

Summary of Useful Contacts:

Police	If a child or adult is in immediate risk of harm dial 999 or 101 as appropriate
Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSOs)	Caroline Davenport and Stephen O'Keefe E: stephen.c.okeefe@gmail.com
Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (DSA)	Adam Bond T: 0117 906 0100 E: adam.bond@bristoldiocese.org
Bristol Children's Safeguarding Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Response Team: 0117 903 6444 • When the offices are closed call the Social Work Emergency Duty Team 01454 615 165.
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