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Diocese of Newcastle

TOWARDS A SAFER CHURCH

CREATING SAFE SPACES

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING GUIDELINES

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There is a growing understanding that protecting children, young people and adults at risk is at the centre of our faith. Safeguarding is about creating churches that are safe spaces for everyone; spaces where children and adults can flourish and fulfil their potential.

TOWARDS A SAFER CHURCH CREATING SAFE SPACES : is based on National Documentation and gives an easy to read set of guidelines for Diocese and Parishes to follow.

National Legislation and Guidance

Children:

- The Children Act 1989
- Every Child Matters 2003, Children Act 2004
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013

Adults

- No Secrets 2000
- Care Act 2014

Church of England Policies and Guidance

Please note that further detailed information may be obtained by reading the following full documents which can be downloaded from the Diocesan website:

- **Promoting a Safe Church** (2006) - Joint Statement of Safeguarding Principles for

  the Church of England and the Methodist Church of Great Britain 2010
- **Responding to Domestic Abuse** (2006)

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- **Safeguarding Guidelines relating to Safer Recruitment 2013** (updated version 2014)
- **Responding Well to those who have been sexually abused** (2011)
- **Protecting All God's Children** (2010)

All of these can be downloaded from the Diocesan website.

The handbook is divided into 8 sections and a **CONTENTS SECTION** which will guide you to the section you are looking for. **ALL FORMS AND TEMPLATES** referred to in this handbook can be downloaded from the Diocesan website in A4 format. If you wish to find a section, you should refer to the Contents Section at the beginning.

The **PROCEDURES** are also available on the Diocesan website.

If you are unable to find the answer to your query in the handbook, or if you are concerned that a child or vulnerable adult has been harmed or is at risk of harm, you should contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser for support and advice.

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