



# 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.

## Have concerns?

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

## Have any concerns?

### **Diocese of Bath & Wells Safeguarding team**

Use our online form to report your concern at [www.bathandwells.org.uk/report-concerns](http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/report-concerns) or contact:

Safeguarding Manager, Ben Goodhind, on 01749 588917

Safeguarding Caseworker, Jo Austin, on 01749 588905

### **Out of hours emergency cover**

thirtyone:eight

from 5pm - midnight, 7am - 9am (Mon-Fri), 7am to midnight

(Sat & Sun) and bank holidays. Call them on 0303 003 1111.

### **Local Authority Social Services**

Somerset: 0300 123 2224

BANES: [bcssp.bathnes.gov.uk/form/report-a-concern](http://bcssp.bathnes.gov.uk/form/report-a-concern)

North Somerset: 01275 888 808 (children) 01275 888 801 (adult)

## We commit to:

- 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

Childline: 0800 1111

Stop It Now: 0800 1000 900

Samaritans: 116 123

National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 2000 247

NAPAC: 0808 801 0331

Family Lives: 0808 800 2222

National care line: 0800 0699 785

Men's Advice Line: 0808 8010 327

Safe Spaces - support for survivors of abuse: 0300 303 1056