

People to talk to:

- The Vicar or Priest

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- Leader of your children's group

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- Parish Safeguarding Officer

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- Diocesan Safeguarding Officer

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- NSPCC
0808 800 5000
nspcc.org.uk

- Childline
0800 1111
childline.org.uk

- Additional guidance at:
www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/promoting-safer-church/policy-practice-guidance

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How do we keep your child safe?



Churches should be safe places where your child feels safe to sing.

Information on how and to whom to report anything which worries or upsets you or your child

A code of practice for all adults who have a role in caring for children

Church choirs should have

Policy on how they safeguard children and vulnerable adults

Safely recruited and trained chaperones and leaders.

A Safeguarding Officer

It is important to us that your child feels safe and ...

Knows that that they can talk with the adults caring for them, the clergy and the safeguarding advisor about anything, even if it feels awful or small. This might be about home, school or the Church of England community.



That their leaders will share information with you if they are worried about them.

Knows how adults should and should not behave to them and communicate with them in a church setting.



That they should be able to ask questions and be able to express their opinions about their faith without condemnation or judgement.

What can you do as a parent?

- **Talk to your child** about what activities they do in their group.
- **Tell leaders** / parish safeguarding officers of any concerns you have.
- **Take your child** to their children's group and collect them.
- **Be aware** that you are responsible for your child before and after the children's group.
- **Should feel able** to ask the leaders questions about how they care for the children and what procedures they have in place.
- This document <https://bit.ly/2QSfvuz> gives advice to parents when their children are in an out of school setting which includes Church of England communities like choirs.

