

The United Reformed Church  
Safeguarding Information



**Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone:** to prevent abuse and neglect of children, young people and adults; to act upon concerns of abuse; and to support the wellbeing of each person within all communities in which the Church is placed. Safeguarding is a requirement and a duty in all Councils of the Church. Safeguarding in the URC is supported with relevant policies, practice, guidance and training.

The Church acknowledges that the wellbeing of the child or adult who is experiencing or is at risk of experiencing abuse, harm and neglect is paramount, and it will always act in their best interests, in line with national legislation, relevant statutory guidelines and good practice guidance. The United Reformed Church believes that all people have the right to be and feel part of this community, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership status, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation. We will operate in line with the Human Rights Act 1988, the 1989 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Equality Act 2010.

**REPORT YOUR CONCERNS**

If you have concerns please report them

<p><b>Key contacts</b>  <b>Church Safeguarding Coordinator</b>                  Emmanuelle Bastide-Wilson: 07941 23420                  embastide@icloud.com</p>	<p><b>Deputy Church Safeguarding Coordinator</b>                  (if applicable)                  Judith Taylor</p>
<p><b>Synod Safeguarding Officer</b>                  Carrie Kaunda 07917 958579                  Carriekaunda.yorkshire@urc.org.uk</p>	<p><b>URC Safeguarding Office</b> (to used only used if you are unable to contact your synod Safeguarding Office)                  Email: <a href="mailto:safeguarding@urc.org.uk">safeguarding@urc.org.uk</a></p>

<p><b>Local statutory services: Children</b>                  Children’s Social Work Service 0113 222 4403 between 9am – 5pm (Wed 10am-5pm)                  Children’s Emergency Duty team 0113 535 600 (if the issue can’t wait until the next day)</p>	<p><b>Local statutory services: Adults</b>                  Adult at risk Social Care: 113 222 4401 between 8.30am – 5pm (Wed 10am-5pm)                  Out of hours: 0113 378 0644                  Email <a href="mailto:edt.ss@leeds.gov.uk">edt.ss@leeds.gov.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Local Authority Designated Officer/Designated Officer/Designated Officer for safeguarding</b>                  Telephone No 0113 37 89687 (Monday to Friday)                  Email <a href="mailto:LADO@leeds.gov.uk">LADO@leeds.gov.uk</a>                  It is advised to make telephone contact first to discuss allegations or concerns before sending any information by email</p>	<p><b>Other Contacts....</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSPCC: 0808 800 5000</li> <li>• Samaritans: 116 123</li> <li>• National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247</li> <li>• Stop It Now: 0808 1000 900</li> <li>• Hourglass (Safer Ageing): 0808 808 8141</li> <li>• National Association for People Abused in Childhood (NAPAC): 0808 801 0331</li> </ul>

**Police contact number:** In an emergency dial 999 and non-emergency dial 101

**If you are a child :** Children’s Social Work Service 0113 222 4403 between 9am – 5pm (Wed 10am-5pm) Childline on 0800 1111 [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)