

Bishopdown Evangelical Church

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

(For the safeguarding of children and young people under the age of 18 and adults at risk)

Policy statement

Bishopdown Evangelical Church recognises its responsibilities for the safeguarding of all young people under the age of 18 (regardless of gender, ethnicity or ability) as set out in The Children Act 1989 and 2004, and *Working Together to Safeguard Children* (HM Government 2018), and is committed to protecting young people and children from harm and acting in the best interests of their welfare.

We also recognise our responsibility for the safeguarding of adults at risk and ensuring their well-being in the life of this church

As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the following:

- 1) Creating a safe environment
- 2) Prevention and reporting of abuse
- 3) Safe recruitment, support and supervision and training of workers
- 4) Caring for and supporting those who have experienced abuse.
- 5) Complying with the guidelines of the Baptist Union of Great Britain set out in the 'Model safeguarding policy and procedures' (updated 2023)

Safeguarding team

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