

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SAFEGUARDING

### FOREWORD

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in England is part of the British Union Conference (BUC) of churches that is committed to fulfilling the responsibilities with our safeguarding policy and procedures. These procedures reflect how the church in England will act to protect its children and adults at risk. They fully accord with the law and guidance relating to the protection of children and adults within England.

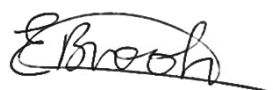
Our safeguarding procedures set out the church's guidelines relating to protecting our church family. These procedures are to be followed in order to reduce, to the minimum, the risk of abuse to the children and adults we have contact with through our paid and voluntary activities.



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### Protecting Children and Adults in England

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in England is committed to the safeguarding of children and adults at risk. According to the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) Churches and faith-based groups play a vital role in keeping people safe and responding effectively and compassionately when someone comes forward to share a concerns about abuse.<sup>1</sup> Churches provide a wide range of activities for children/adults at risk and have an important role in safeguarding and supporting families. Like other organisations who work with children they need to have appropriate arrangements in place to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. The Church is guided by the country's law and guidance in its commitment to safeguarding children and adults at risk. [See Appendix 20](#) for full details.

The Church is committed to promoting the well-being of all those who are part of its worshipping community. Safeguarding is simply acting to keep our church family safe and is a responsibility we all share. By working together we are able to reduce behaviours that can harm individuals, by removing or minimising their impact on our children and adults at risk.

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<sup>1</sup>[Safeguarding People in Faith Communities](#)