

# KEEPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY SAFE (Procedures – England)

## FOREWORD

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in England is part of the British Union Conference (BUC) of churches and has adopted the Keeping Our Church Family Safe (KCFS) policy. 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.

The Keeping Our Church Family Safe 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. National guidance in *Working Together to Safeguard Children*<sup>1</sup> states 'Churches, other places of worship and faith-based organisations provide a wide range of activities for children and have an important role in safeguarding children 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<sup>2</sup>. The Church is guided by the country's law and guidance in its commitment to safeguarding children and adults at risk. See Appendix 14 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>[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/419595/Working\\_Together\\_to\\_Safeguard\\_Children.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/419595/Working_Together_to_Safeguard_Children.pdf) HM Government 2015

<sup>2</sup>[ibid.](#) p64