



Children and Adults at Risk Safeguarding Policy Statement

The aim of Chichester Baptist Church is to commit to and become more like Jesus. In fulfilling this aim, we:

- Welcome children (all those aged under 18) and adults at risk into the life of our community.
- Run activities for children and adults at risk.
- Make our premises available to organisations working with children and adults at risk.
- Work in partnership with Christians Against Poverty, and Renew Wellbeing, and are in agreement with the safeguarding policies and procedures of each of those organisations.

Our safeguarding responsibilities

Chichester Baptist Church recognises its responsibilities in safeguarding all children and adults at risk, regardless of gender, ethnicity or ability. As members of Chichester Baptist Church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all associated with the church and will pray for them regularly. In pursuit of this, we commit ourselves to this policy and to the development of sound procedures to ensure we implement our policy well.

- **Prevention and reporting of abuse.** It is the duty of each church member to help prevent the abuse of children and adults at risk, and the duty of each church member to respond to concerns about the well-being of children and adults at risk. Any abuse disclosed, discovered or suspected will be reported in accordance with our procedures. Chichester Baptist Church will fully co-operate with any statutory investigation into any suspected abuse linked with the church.
- **Safer recruitment, support and supervision of workers.** Chichester Baptist Church will exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children and adults at risk, whether paid or voluntary. All workers will be provided with appropriate training, support and supervision to promote the safekeeping of children and adults at risk.
- **Respecting children and adults at risk.** Chichester Baptist Church will adopt a code of behaviour for all who are appointed to work with children and adults at risk so that all children and adults are shown the respect that is due to them.
- **Safer working practices.** Chichester Baptist Church is committed to providing an environment that is as safe as possible for children and adults at risk and will adopt ways of working with them that promote their safety and well-being.
- **A safer community.** Chichester Baptist Church is committed to the prevention of bullying. Chichester Baptist Church will seek to ensure that the behaviour of any individuals who may pose a risk to children and adults at risk in the community of the church is managed appropriately.

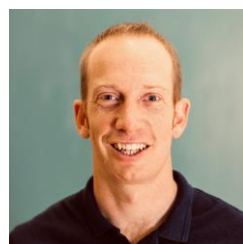
As part of our commitment to children and adults at risk, Chichester Baptist Church has appointed the below people to form our safeguarding team. This policy, church procedure document and practice will be monitored and implemented by the Safeguarding team throughout the year. Their contact details will be publicly displayed around the church building.



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Rachel Pitkin
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