



You have information about a serious safeguarding situation



If a child or adult is in immediate danger or requires immediate medical attention, call the emergency services on 999. If there are concerns about their immediate welfare, don't delay - call Children or Adult's Social Care Services.

Most situations are not emergencies.
Ensure if you can that immediate safety arrangements are in place for victim(s), and for others potentially vulnerable, with no contact with alleged abuser. Remember to protect yourself from harm too.

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Immediately inform your incumbent or the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or the leader of your team, of your concern

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If you are unsure or worried about how serious a situation is, contact the Bishop's Safeguarding Adviser for guidance and reassurance

Make a secure written or electronic record of the concern the same day and all your actions – sign and date it and pass it to the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator



If the information concerns actual or potential harm at a church activity or by a church officer or by someone attending a church activity, ensure the Bishop's Safeguarding Adviser is informed within 24 hours



If you are advised to do so, refer to your Local Authority Children's Services, Adult Safeguarding Team (AST) or to the Police

KEY

For everyone to follow

Usually carried out by the incumbent or parish safeguarding co-ordinator Maintain confidentiality – don't talk to others about it and never alert the person who may have caused the harm - BUT - look after yourself – debrief with your incumbent or your parish safeguarding co-ordinator, and ask for further support if you need it



Follow the advice of the Local Authority, Police and your parish and the Bishop's Safeguarding Adviser, and cooperate fully with any investigation