

Safeguarding and Me/You Trinity URC September 2021.

Trinity church is in the process of delegating a Safeguarding Coordinator SGC to guide the church in providing and maintaining a safe and inclusive environment for all who enter the building either as worshipers or hirers of our facilities.

Meanwhile, during this process there is a *Model Safeguarding Policy sept 2021[with appxs.]* available on the church website c/o safeguarding@trinityurc1.plus.com which outlays the importance of safeguarding the safety and welfare of children and adults who are at risk of, or experiencing, harm, abuse or neglect in all forms. [*explained within the policy*] In so doing showing commitment to following legislation, government and URC's policy and good practice guidelines- affecting a correct appointment procedure, and regular updating in safeguarding training.

So where do I/you fit in? Where do I/you start?

By understanding how we continue to protect each other within Trinity Church buildings.

- Continuing being aware of changing covid infection restrictions and following government guidance as we progress through the continuing pandemic - and having in place the resources to do so effectively.
- Understanding fire prevention and safety responsibilities. What to do in case of fire. Location of exit points and fire extinguishers. Calling fire brigade.
- Realizing that safeguarding is everyone's business...not just the concern of the SGC.

When meeting and liaising with people, our single greatest responsibility, especially in safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, is to notice and report to SGC anything that does not look or feel right- see list in *Model Safeguarding Policy* on line
Possible signs and indicators for concern: -
Visible marks e.g. bruises, burns, cuts on body, in appropriate state of clothes, poor hygiene.
Behaviour e.g. centre of attention, aggressive and bullying, very withdrawn. Specific reference to abuse. Evidence of being under the influence of drugs/ alcohol.

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