

Useful Policies and Practice Guidance:

All practice guidance can now be accessed via the [Safeguarding e-manual](#), which holds parish resources temporarily while the Parish Safeguarding Toolkit is being developed. The other documents will be / have been subsumed into revised guidance or codes.

[Explore the Safeguarding e-manual](#)

[Safer Environment and Activities Guidance \(2019\)](#) – This document provides parishes with detailed guidance around Promoting a Safer Environment. It is intended to act as a ‘How to...’ guide to help churches meet that commitment in their everyday ministry. It covers topics such as risk assessments for activities, adult-to-child ratios, parental consent, home visits, and Hie of Premises agreements. It has been produced to give clear guidance to many of the questions that parishes most often ask about keeping people safe in church.

A key document that every church officer should be aware of, and be committed to, the [Code of Safer Working Practice](#). We encourage that this document is shared with every volunteer, employee and elected member to ensure everyone knows what is expected of them.

[Safer Recruitment & People Management](#) 2026 is an integral part of keeping people safe in the Church. This Code of Practice sets out the process that must be followed – proportionately – for roles having substantial contact with children and vulnerable adults. This [Appendix](#) helps explain what those roles might be. However, with the exception of certain levels of DBS checks, safer recruitment is simply good recruitment, and church bodies should consider these processes for all posts / roles.