

Displaying your Safeguarding Arrangements

The Church of England's House of Bishops' policy is that parishes need to display information about their safeguarding arrangements. Parishes should display:

Parish Church Noticeboards

- A copy of the Parish Safeguarding Policy Statement, signed on behalf of the PCC. A
 template for this document is available on our <u>website</u>. (Please note that PCC's should
 already have formally adopted the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policies and Practice
 Guidance, confirmation of which is provided within their signed Parish Safeguarding
 Policy Statement).
- The A3 Poster 'Promoting a Safer Church' A3 poster completed with Local, Diocesan and relevant out of hours local authority safeguarding contact numbers (see below), as well as the 999 emergency services number, for immediate risk, and key support/helpline contact details.

Please note, the poster can be printed out A4, if required.

Parish Websites

Safeguarding Information should be clearly visible on the Home page of parish websites, or available from a link clearly visible from the Home page (either across the top or in an easily accessible drop-down menu). If a parish does not have a website, safeguarding information can be added to a new page on the parish profile at "A Church Near You" (further details can be found here).

The following safeguarding information should be displayed:

- A copy of the Parish Safeguarding Policy Statement, signed on behalf of the PCC (a clear statement of your Parish's commitment to safeguarding).
- A link to the Winchester Diocese website Safeguarding Page and resources.
- Local Safeguarding Contact information for:
 - Diocesan Safeguarding Manager

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- Parish Safeguarding Officer best practice is to have a separate work phone number, supplied by the church and separate church safeguarding email address.
- o **999 emergency service number** for immediate risk/danger.
- Children / Adult Safeguarding display the out of hours contact number(s), for your local authority area:

Hampshire (Children and Adults)	0300 555 1373
Southampton (Children and Adults)	02380 233344
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (Children)	01202 738256
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (Adults):	0300 123 9895
Dorset (Children)	01305 221000
Dorset (Adults)	01305 221016

- Contact information for key helplines.
- It is also helpful to display your church's postcode/'what3words' identification on your noticeboard, for people to provide location information to the emergency services, when required.