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The United Reformed Church (URC) is committed to safeguarding in every area of its life and ministry. Safeguarding is the action taken to promote and protect the well-being and human rights of individuals.

This means we will:

* Do all we can to create and maintain a safe and caring environment for all people
* Respond promptly and effectively to any form of abuse and neglect, including reporting abuse to statutory agencies when necessary
* Seek to prevent abuse in any form from occurring. We will seek to identify individuals who may pose a risk to others and take necessary actions to minimise risk whilst supporting these individuals in our communities when safe to do so.

If you wish to discuss a safeguarding concern, please contact:

Church Safeguarding Coordinator/Pastorate Safeguarding Coordinator or

Synod Safeguarding Officer. Contact details:

For information on safeguarding in the URC Synod of please click here.

For a full statement on the URC’s approach to Safeguarding, click [here.](https://urc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Paper-T4-SAG-Safeguarding-Policy-Statement.pdf)

To view Good Practice 6, the URC’s Safeguarding Guidance document please click [here](https://urc.org.uk/safeguarding/safeguarding-good-practice/) .

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