

Safeguarding



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BURNT OAK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP


What is Safeguarding?

Definition:

- Safeguarding means protecting all people and ensuring the right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect.



Safeguarding Purpose in BOCF

- To keep church members, workers, volunteers, and visitors safe from harm, abuse, and neglect whilst working, volunteering within or attending BOCF.
 - The Actions we are taking are to support the activities we already have in place and to cover any points that are in need of being introduced or updating.
 - Places where Children are left by the Parents on a daily basis will clearly be much more vulnerable and in need of greater measures to be adopted and in place.
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Forms & Signs of Abuse

- **Physical abuse** - A history of unexplained falls, fractures, bruises, burns, minor injuries
 - **Psychological or Emotional Abuse** – Intimidated or subdued in the presence of the carer
 - **Sexual Abuse** - Full or partial disclosure or hints of sexual abuse
 - **Neglect, or Act of Omission** - Poor physical condition, poor hygiene, varicose ulcers, pressure sores
 - **Financial or material abuse** - Unexplained withdrawals from accounts or disappearance of financial documents
 - **Discriminatory abuse** - Inappropriate remarks, comments or lack of respect
 - **Institutional abuse** - Lack of flexibility or choice over meals, bed times, visitors, phone calls, etc
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BOCF is in a very strong position of caring and providing a safe environment.



BOCF Practices to support Safeguarding

BOCF operates for short periods on Sundays with Parents and Children both being present.

The time Children are away from their Parents they are supervised by trained members who have been vetted and passed the correct checks.

The Arc and Kids clubs are run similarly with Parents being present and activities held in main hall with Trained staff that have also undergone the required checks.

Policies & Practice - Familiarised Workers & Volunteers

Safeguarding Awareness Training - Workers & Volunteers, Members & Visitors

Vigilant - BOCF members & Visitors

Contact & Reporting - Safeguarding Coordinator completion of BOCF Concern Form

Support - Counselling via Leaders

How can we support Safeguarding in BOCF?

Report any concerns you have to the Safeguarding support

Parents and attendees being extra vigilant of small children, ensure they are not in unsafe areas; Main doors, trip on bags, feet or other personal items to harm themselves.

Leaders, Key Workers and Volunteers know Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, undertake required Safeguarding training

Support senior members who might have restrictions in their mobility or understanding

Contact for BOCF Safeguarding concerns

The Safeguarding Coordinator and Lead Pastor are persons to whom all concerns or allegations should be addressed.

Carmen Franklin is the Safeguarding Coordinator for BOCF.

Contact Email: bocfsafeguarding@aol.com

Contact Number: **07904651683**



Information on Safeguarding Support



BOCF Website –
<https://www.bocf.org.uk/>



Policies & Supporting bodies

Harrow Local Authority
Family care **020 8901 2690**

Adult Social Care office
between 9.00am and
5.00pm **02089012680** and
out of hours **02084240999**.

Who is might be at risk of Abuse?

Everyone but mainly.....

- Vulnerable Children
- Vulnerable Adults



Vulnerable Children

a sensory, physical, learning disability or impairment;

Neglected

Unsupervised or monitored

In care, home or community

Vulnerable Adults

a sensory or physical disability or impairment;

a learning disability;

a physical illness;

mental ill health (including dementia), chronic or acute;

an addiction to alcohol or drugs;

the failing faculties in old age;

How and when to make report

If you have concerns about a child or person facing abuse

- Complete the BOCF Concern Form - Available Online or via Hardcopy
- Contact Head Pastor / Safeguarding Coordinator
- If you would prefer to talk to someone outside the BOCF please contact **Adrian Galley, Safeguarding Officer ACUK.** 07817409635 or adrian.galley@apostolic-church.org



Details to share on BOCF Concern Form

- Name and Email (if known) of Person
- Email (your email)
- DOB of person (if known)
- Date of Incident
- Ministry and Location of Incident occurred
- Concern
- Full description of the Concern
- Action Taken
- Your Name and Contact number
- Date of Report

Useful Contacts - Children

Stop it now!

- 0808 1000 900
- help@stopitnow.org.uk
- www.stopitnow.org.uk

Kidscape

- Parent advice line: 020 7823 5430 020 7730 3300
- www.kidscape.org.uk

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP)

- 0870 000 3344 33
- www.ceop.gov.uk

Useful Contacts - Adults

Age UK

- Offering advice and support for those in the later stages of life.
- 0800 678 1174, www.ageuk.org.uk

Action on Elder Abuse

- Advice line to assist reporting elder abuse.
- 080 8808 8141, www.elderabuse.org.uk

Care Quality Commission

- They monitor, inspect and regulate services to make sure they meet fundamental standards of quality and safety and publish what they find, including performance ratings to help people choose care.
- National Customer Service Centre 03000 616161, www.cqc.org.uk

Prospects

- Christian organisation for people with learning difficulties.
- 0118 950 8781, info@prospects.org.uk

Through the Roof

- Equipping churches to provide opportunities to those with disabilities.
- 01372 737040, www.throughtheroof.org

Useful Contacts - Adults

Mind

- Provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem, they campaign to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding.
- 020 8519 2122
- www.mind.org.uk

Restored

- An international Christian alliance working to transform relationships and end violence against women.
- 0208 943 7706
- www.restoredrelationships.org

Victim Support

- Support victims of crime
- 08 08 16 89111
- www.victimsupport.org.uk

National Autistic Society

- Supporting people and families living with autism.
- 08 08 800 4104

Requirements for Child supervision

0 to 2 years

2 to 4 years

5 to 11 years

11 and over

1 adult to 3 children

1 adult to 4 children

1 adult to 8 children

1 adult to 10 children

Requirements for Child participation in BOCF groups

- Consent forms, signed by a parent, should be completed when children or young people join a group. (Available on BOCF website)
- Details of any regular medication, medical problems, or disability, which may affect involvement in an activity, should be included.