

Warwick Unitarians

Safeguarding Policy – Warwick Unitarian Chapel

This policy applies to the Warwick Unitarian Trustees, members of the congregation, visitors, users, helpers, volunteers and hirers of Warwick Unitarian Chapel. All will be made aware of this policy.

The Trustees understand that the welfare of children, young people and adults at risk, taking part in events and activities in the Chapel is paramount. All children, young people and adults at risk have the right to protection from abuse.

It is recognised that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The Trustees will work to promote a culture that enables issues about safeguarding and promoting welfare, to be addressed through awareness training and updates from our Designated Safeguarding Lead. All relevant information and guidance will be held on the Warwick Unitarians website.

In the course of carrying out their role, no Trustee will have unsupervised access to children, young people or adults at risk.

Responsibility of Hirers and Users providing activities to the public including children, young people and adults at risk, other than for hire for private parties arranged for invited friends and family, may be asked:

- to produce a copy of their Safeguarding Policy
- for evidence that they have carried out relevant checks through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)
- to ensure that any activities for children, young people and adults at risk are only provided by fit and proper persons in accordance with the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 and any subsequent legislation
- that they are expected to behave in accordance with the code of conduct expected by their organisation and act on any breach of the code of conduct or any concern about a member of staff or volunteer
- that they have a responsibility to provide a safe environment in which children can develop and enjoy the event
- that they have a responsibility to identify children who may be in need of extra help or who are suffering, or are likely to suffer significant harm
- that they know how to recognise, respond and take appropriate and timely action to a safeguarding concern, working with other services as needed.

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All suspicions or allegations of abuse against a child, young person or adult at risk will be taken seriously and dealt with speedily and appropriately. Any concerns that are reported to the Trustees will be passed as a matter of urgency to Warwickshire Children and Families Family Connect, if necessary, to the Police.

The Warwick Unitarians Designated Safeguarding Lead - DSL is David Healey and can be contacted for support with any concerns you have and to support you with action that is required as a result of a safeguarding concern on 07540005341.

An annual review will take place to allow for any required up-date of policies and or procedures. New trustees, and volunteers will be provided and supported with an understanding of their responsibilities in matters of safeguarding.

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Revised and Updated: -

Next review date: April 2026

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE (For the Noticeboard)

If anyone is in immediate danger call 999

If you have significant worries about a child or young person please call Warwickshire Children and Families Family Connect- to speak to the Duty Social Worker for advice and to take appropriate action

- 01926 414144

Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 5.30pm, Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm or

- 01926 886922

Emergency Duty Team out of usual office hours.

If an allegation is made about a user or anyone connected with the Warwick Unitarians, please report this using this link:

<https://www.safeguardingwarwickshire.co.uk/report-it>

If you need to report an Adult Safeguarding Concern, please contact:

- Social Care and Support on: 01926 412080.
- To report a crime or raise a concern about abuse with Warwickshire Police, you can phone non-emergency number on: 101. But if it is an emergency always dial: 999