SAFEGUARDING: What to do if

You have concerns about possible abuse (including allegations):

1. **In an emergency,** respond immediately.
2. Consult the person to whom you are responsible.
3. Decide together whether to seek advice or to make an immediate referral.
4. Keep a record of what happened, your concerns and your actions.
5. Tell your Safeguarding officer or Minister.

Only tell others who need to know.

A child, young person or adult wished to disclose they have been abused:

1. Listen. Keep listening. Do not question or investigate.
2. Do not promise confidentiality; tell them we need to share this.
3. Assure them they are not to blame.
4. Tell them what you are going to do and that they will be told what happens.
5. Make careful notes of what is said, record dates, times, events and when you are told.
6. Report it to the person to whom you are responsible and your Safeguarding officer or Minister.

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Things to remember

- Treat everyone with respect, setting a positive example for others.
- Respect personal space and privacy.
- Ensure another adult is present or within sight or hearing of any activity.
- Ensure any actions cannot be misinterpreted by someone else.
- Challenge unacceptable behaviour.
- Do not put anyone, including yourself, in a vulnerable or compromising situation.
- Do not have inappropriate physical or verbal contact with others.

You must not keep allegations or suspected abuse secret.

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District Safeguarding: 01332 765933
CCPAS: the Churches' Child Protection Advisory service 0845 120 4550 - 24 hour help line on safeguarding children & vulnerable adults
Childline: 0800 1111
Silverline: 0800 470 80 90
National Domestic Violence Help Line: 0808 2000 247
Police Protection Unit: 01234 846 960
NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000