

The United Reformed Church

Template for Local Church Safeguarding Policy Statement

This is the safeguarding policy statement adopted by General Assembly in 2021.

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
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- ensure that all those who pose a risk to children, young people or adults at risk, and those who are the subject of allegations, receive appropriate pastoral care and supervision
- exercise informed vigilance about risks in all forms of abuse and neglect
- work together with other denominations, statutory agencies and voluntary organisations.