



HOPE CONNECTIONS: SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

At Hope Connections, we are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all members and visitors to our church. We take our responsibilities seriously and have implemented a range of measures to ensure that our church is a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. Our safeguarding statement includes provisions for fire safety, child safety, and environmental safety in accordance with UK standards.

CHILD SAFETY:

We believe that all children have the right to be protected from harm and abuse. To ensure the safety of children attending our church, we have adopted a comprehensive safeguarding policy that sets out clear guidelines for the protection of children.

We have trained our staff and volunteers in safeguarding procedures, and all those who work with children have undergone an enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check. We have also implemented procedures for reporting any safeguarding concerns, which are in line with national guidelines.

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY:

We are committed to protecting the environment and reducing our impact on the planet. To this end, we have implemented a range of measures to reduce our carbon footprint and promote sustainable practices. This includes recycling facilities, the use of energy-efficient lighting. We also aim to reduce our use of single-use plastics and encourage the use of reusable items wherever possible.

FIRE SAFETY:

It has come to our attention that we currently do not have a fire safeguarding policy and assessment in place at our church. This is a matter of great concern, as the safety and wellbeing of our members and visitors are of utmost importance to us. As such, we will take immediate action to implement a comprehensive fire safeguarding policy and assessment.

This will include conducting a thorough fire risk assessment, implementing appropriate fire safety measures such as smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, and developing a fire evacuation plan. We will also provide training for all staff and volunteers on fire safety procedures and ensure that all relevant information is easily accessible to all. We recognize the importance of having a robust fire safeguarding policy and assessment in place, and we are committed to ensuring that our church is a safe and secure environment for everyone who attends.

In conclusion, at Hope Connections, we take the safety and wellbeing of our members and visitors seriously. We believe that our comprehensive safeguarding policy, which covers fire safety, child safety, and environmental safety, ensures that our church is a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.