

Safeguarding – Basic Awareness Training.

The **Safeguarding Children Boards** are multi agency statutory partnerships comprising the agencies, organisations and professional groups responsible for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, including protecting them from abuse and neglect. Each Local Authority within the Diocese of York area offers free training to volunteers, and will frequently put on training days. You can access information about these courses by searching on your own local authority website usually under “Safeguarding Children Board”, (see below for links).

As a diocese our resources are limited in terms of regular training in safeguarding and there is no need for us to duplicate what is already being provided through local authorities. We will however, be offering more specific training for Parish Child Protection Representatives in due course.

We would encourage **ALL** volunteers to do at least the “*Basic Awareness*” training offered on-line by Safeguarding Children Boards.

This on-line training is aimed at individuals in organisations and voluntary groups who work with children and young people, families or adults who may be parents and/or carers, to give a basic awareness of child protection issues. Depending on your role, this may be the only level of training you need, although some people may need further training. Details of other training courses can be found on your local Safeguarding website, or contact Nigel Chapman or Jon Steel to discuss your particular needs.

The basic awareness training package is arranged in four sections:

- The Basics;
- Recognising Abuse;
- What Action to Take;
- Guidelines for Good Practice.

At the end of each section, there are some questions to ensure that you have understood that section. When you have successfully completed all four sections, you may be able to print out your Certificate of Completion. (Your computer will need to be attached to a printer). Each authority may work in a slightly different way, just follow their instructions.

It is recommended that you repeat Child Protection Basic Awareness Training every 3 years. The training package will be updated as necessary to take account of local and national policy changes.

Safeguarding and Church

This training package is not specific to church, but the principles are the same. It may just be a matter of knowing who to contact in your own local situation. Click on the appropriate link below for more details of e-learning courses in safeguarding.

- [City of York and North Yorkshire](#)
- [East Riding](#)
- [Cleveland](#)
- [Middlesbrough](#)
- [Hull](#)
- [Leeds](#)