

The Suffolk Guild of Ringers



Safeguarding Statement

The Suffolk Guild of Ringers takes its safeguarding responsibilities seriously, believing that all ringers should feel safe and valued while involved in all aspects of bellringing.

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. The welfare of a child, young person or an adult at risk is at all times paramount, and takes precedence over all other considerations.

The Suffolk Guild will seek to support the entire ringing community to develop best practice in safeguarding by:

- developing a relationship with the diocese of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich in order that ringers and ringing can be properly represented when church policy is formed or revised
- encouraging all ringers to promote a positive safeguarding culture where everyone is treated with respect and dignity
- following the support and guidance provided by appointed CCCBR Safeguarding Officers and the Trustees

Safeguarding Training

The Guild, as advised by the CCCBR, follows the national 'Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework 2021' as adopted by the diocese of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich.

Training	applicable to
Basic Awareness [formerly C0]	Mandatory for all bell-ringers to complete the Basic Awareness training. Bell-ringers are 'church officers'.
Foundation [formerly C1]	Expected that a ' bell-ringer working with children ' complete the Foundation training. A 'bell-ringer working with children' supervises/teaches children/young people [under 18yrs] and/or supervises those who carry out this role.
Leadership [formerly C2]	Anyone regarded as playing a lead role in shaping the culture of the Church body as determined by the diocese , based on guidance from their parish and input from Suffolk Guild Safeguarding Officer, will be expected to complete the Leadership training.

- ▶ All Existing C0, C1 and C2 training is carried over to the new framework.
- ▶ All training must be refreshed every three years.
- ▶ All Basic Awareness and Foundation training is online <https://www.cofesuffolk.org/safeguarding-training/>
- ▶ All Leadership training is currently delivered via zoom <https://www.cofesuffolk.org/safeguarding-training/>
- ▶ Retain your certificate, make a note of your renew date and email a copy to the Parish Safeguarding Officer [PSO] of your tower [as listed in The Suffolk Guild of Ringers Annual Report & Handbook].
- ▶ If you are listed as unattached in The Suffolk Guild of Ringers Annual Report & Handbook, retain your certificate and make a note of your renew date.
- ▶ If you are unable to access online training, contact your local Parish Safeguarding Officer [PSO] to arrange face-to-face training

DBS	Anyone who is a 'bell-ringer working with children' must hold a current clear DBS status. A 'bell-ringer working with children' supervises/teaches children/young people [under 18yrs] and/or supervises those who carry out this role. All the DBS application is completed online https://www.cofesuffolk.org/for-parishes/promoting-a-safer-church/safer-recruitment/
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The Parish Safeguarding Statement/Policy will be found displayed in the church together with the name and contact details of the Parish Safeguarding Officer [PSO]

Where there is cause for concern this should be reported to the Parish Safeguarding Officer [PSO] or incumbent immediately. If there is risk of immediate harm call the police - 999.

<https://www.cofesuffolk.org/for-parishes/promoting-a-safer-church/report-a-safeguarding-concern/>