



Safeguarding

Return to Ringing Guidance May 2021

Please also refer to the following documents/guidance:

- KCACR Safeguarding Policy and Good Practice Checklist for Maintaining a Safe Environment in the Belfry (*see KCACR website*) in collaboration with the Church of England, National Safeguarding Team.
- Diocesan websites and from Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSO) for individual parish guidance.

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TRAINING	<p><u>DBS</u> Although individual parishes will decide who requires a DBS check, all Tower Captains/Ringing Masters and anyone teaching young persons (under 18) to ring must hold a current DBS.</p>	
	<p><u>Courses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All ringers should complete the online courses Basic Awareness (formerly known as C0) and it is desirable that they complete Foundation (formerly known as C1). • All Tower Captains/Ringing Masters must complete the Leadership Pathway Course (formerly known as C2). This is currently an online course and should be applied for via Diocesan websites. This is in addition to taking the Basic Awareness and Foundation courses. This training should be undertaken every 3 years and reported to the Parish Safeguarding Officer. • All and those teaching young persons (under 18) to ring must undertake the Basic Awareness and Foundation courses. 	
RECRUITMENT	<p><u>Permission to Ring Form</u> This can be found on the KCACR website and it is advised that a form is held securely in the Tower for each young person (under 18) and vulnerable adult.</p>	
	<p><u>Emails</u> It is advised that any email contact with a young person (under 18) should include a CC to a parent/guardian of the young person.</p>	
	<p><u>In the Tower</u> At least 2 adults must be present in the Tower when teaching young persons – ideally one male, one female and from different households.</p>	
IN THE TOWER	<p><u>Register</u> All Towers should keep a register of attendees, whether ringers or not. This should be kept securely.</p>	
	<p><u>Safeguarding Information</u> Details of the PSO and Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers should be on display in the Tower. This is especially important for Towers where access is not through the main church door and passed the church noticeboard.</p>	

All secular rings of bells should address safeguarding guidance and concerns with the LADO (Local Authority Safeguarding Officer)