Safeguarding : DBS and Training Requirements

Please also refer to the following documents/guidance:

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

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TRAINING	DBS 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 certificate.	
	Courses • All ringers must complete the online courses Basic Awareness and it is desirable that they complete Foundation. • All Tower Captains/Ringing Masters must complete the Leadership Pathway Course. (For Diocese of Chichester - Foundation is only required) This is applied for via Diocesan websites. This is in addition to taking the Basic Awareness and Foundation courses. This training must be undertaken every 3 years and reported to the Parish Safeguarding Officer. • All those teaching young persons (under 18) to ring must undertake the Basic Awareness and Foundation courses. • Safer Recruitment and People Management online course for Tower Captains (as they are line managers and involved in the recruitment of bell ringers) • We would encourage all church officers to complete the Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse online training, although this is not a compulsory course.	
RECRUITMENT	Permission to Ring Form 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. https://kcacr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Consent-and-permission-to-ring-Mar26.docx	
	Emails It is advised that any email contact with a young person (under 18) must include a CC to a parent/guardian of the young person. https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-e-manual	
	In the Tower For guidance, refer to document "Good Practice for Maintaining a Safe Environment in the Belfry for Young People" https://kcacr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Final-Maintaining-a-Safe-Environment-in-the-Belfry-for-Young-People-0426.pdf	
IN THE TOWER	Register It is good practice for all Towers to keep a register of attendees, whether ringers or not. This should be kept securely and according to GDPR Guidance.	
	Safeguarding Information It is good practice for the contact details of the PSO and Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers to be on display in the Tower. This is especially important for Towers where access is not through the main church door and past the church noticeboard. The adoption and display in the Tower of the CCCBR Code for Ringing is strongly suggested by the KCACR General Committee.	

	https://cccbr.org.uk/bellringing/code-for-ringing/#:~:text=The%20Council's%20draft%20Code%20for,of%20conduct%20for%20bell%20ringing	

All secular rings of bells should address safeguarding concerns with the KCACR Safeguarding Officer or in an emergency with the Police, Social Services or LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer)