

 Tove Valley Baptist Fellowship	<b>Safeguarding Policy Statement</b>		
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***Tove Valley Baptist Fellowship Policy statement on safeguarding of children, young people and adults at risk and the church***

This statement was agreed at the church meeting held on 25/05/2023. It will be read annually at the church meeting where progress in carrying it out will be monitored.

The church is committed to:

- the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children, young people and adults at risk and ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
- the responsibility of each one of us to prevent all forms of abuse of children, young people and adults at risk, and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.
- recognising that our work with children, young people and adults at risk is the responsibility of the whole church.
- the pastoral care and support of those who have experienced abuse.
- exercising proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children, young people and adults at risk, whether paid or volunteer.
- supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children, young people and adults at risk, and to providing supervision.
- following current legislation and government guidance and adopts the guidelines and procedures published by the Baptist Union of Great Britain in its publication *Safe to Grow* (revised edition) and *Safe To Belong 2015*.

Each person who works with children, young people and adults at risk will agree to abide by the above recommendations and the guidelines established by this church. Each shall be given a copy of the church's agreed procedures and Good Practice guidelines.

As part of our commitment to children, young people and adults at risk, the church has appointed Melanie Whitlock to be the Designated Person for Safeguarding who is responsible for representing the concerns and views of children, young people and adults at risk at our meetings and to outside bodies. They are also the person to contact for any concerns or questions. Their contact details are 07517 511451

Signed by

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