

Autumn is arriving and with it **Safeguarding Sunday 2025 approaches on 16 November 2025** – Safeguarding Sunday aims to help churches inform their congregations and communities about the measures they are taking to create safer environments for everyone and to enhance understanding of safeguarding at the local level.

The campaign encourages churches to hold at least one special service a year dedicated to safeguarding to help the church:

- Communicate the importance of safeguarding within congregations and the wider community.
- Highlight the actions and measures the church is taking to keep people safe.
- Make people aware of who they can raise concerns with or speak to and get help.
- Recognise and acknowledge the efforts of those involved in safeguarding.

By participating in Safeguarding Sunday, churches can showcase the positive work being done and restore and maintain trust and confidence within their communities. The theme this year is – ‘Action speaks louder!’ The message is that it's time to move beyond just talking about creating safer places, and take action towards doing it!

Last year over 5,000 churches took part in Safeguarding Sunday, with an estimated reach of 250,000 people. Read more about [Safeguarding Sunday](#)

Note that there are no specifically Methodist Safeguarding Sunday materials available currently. It is 31:8 who have identified a safeguarding Sunday, and who produce resources towards it.

[Safeguarding Sunday Comms pack](#)

Best wishes

Neil

Foundation Module Train The Trainers Course – 29th October

As mentioned in the last newsletter we are currently seeking out Foundation Module Trainers for each Circuit. Although some circuits have trainers already, others do not.

There is a Train The Trainer course on the afternoon of Wednesday 29th October 2025. If you have completed Advanced Module Safeguarding and would be interested in completing this course and having a conversation about becoming a trainer please contact me via

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Safeguarding Training

Between now and Christmas we have a variety of Safeguarding courses advertised and available for anyone requiring training or a refresher. There are both Advanced Module and Foundation Module courses available in person and online.

Please check the District safeguarding pages for further details.

[Training - Foundation](#)

[Training - Advanced](#)