

CREATING SAFER SPACE

Foundation Module

WHO NEEDS TO ATTEND

This list was approved by the Methodist Conference 2011 where it formed an appendix to the *Creating Safer Space* report.

Core List - Required Attendance

- ◇ Presbyters with an active preaching or pastoral ministry
- ◇ Deacons with an active preaching or pastoral ministry
- ◇ Pre-ordination students and probationers
- ◇ Lay employees & Volunteer Workers with pastoral responsibility
- ◇ Pastoral Visitors
- ◇ Anyone working with 0 – 18 year olds in the name of the church
- ◇ Anyone working in activities targeted at adults who are vulnerable (e.g. luncheon club for the housebound)
- ◇ Church stewards
- ◇ Circuit stewards
- ◇ Local preachers
- ◇ Worship leaders
- ◇ Those training for local preaching or worship leading
- ◇ Church and circuit safeguarding representatives
- ◇ Choir/music group/drama leaders – where there are 0-18 year olds or vulnerable adults in the group.
- ◇ District staff especially policy committee members, complaints and discipline, mediators
- ◇ Core teaching staff at Methodist Church Training Institutions
- ◇ Connexional staff with direct safeguarding links e.g. children and youth workers

Warmly invited but not mandatory

- ◇ Evangelism/mission enablers
- ◇ Leaders of other organisations, working with 0-18yr olds or vulnerable adults, who use church premises
- ◇ Remaining Choir/music group/drama leaders
- ◇ Any other group leaders within the church, who may have adults within their particular group who are vulnerable.
- ◇ Property stewards and other keyholders
- ◇ Caretakers
- ◇ Church/circuit meeting secretaries
- ◇ Church/circuit/district administrators
- ◇ Remaining District and Connexional staff
- ◇ Remaining teaching staff at Methodist Church Training Institutions

NOTES:

1. People in the above roles who have received safeguarding training in other roles (eg as a teacher or police officer) still need to attend. The training is specific to the church context. In the same way, such a person would NOT be exempt from education/police training, because they have done the church training. Their attendance is also valuable because of the expertise they can share with other trainees.
2. Property stewards/keyholders/caretakers. This covers a multitude of activities. Where these people have direct contact with vulnerable groups, it may be decided locally by the Church Council that they should attend. They are listed here in the second group to avoid unduly including people who have no apparent link at all with safeguarding.
3. Church and circuit stewards are included on the core list because of their important role in church life, and particularly their responsibilities in responding to adults who may be vulnerable, who might attend any church service on an ad hoc basis to access support. Where age or infirmity suggests that an exemption is needed, this should be the decision of the Church Council or Circuit Meeting.