

Faith & Safeguarding: Safeguarding Contacts [Faith Groups]

For Statutory Professionals

These contacts are suitable for professionals working with service users of faith who may need safeguarding support, advice, or collaboration.



Hello there!

Welcome!

This contact list provides professionals with direct access to individuals in religious communities who hold safeguarding responsibilities or possess vital cultural knowledge. It supports effective, respectful, and informed safeguarding practice when working with service users of faith, helping to build trust, navigate cultural sensitivities, and collaborate appropriately in safeguarding concerns.

All major religions in the UK include a range of denominations, sects, movements and traditions. This guide highlights some of those key groups and representative bodies, but it's important to note that many religions also have independent or unaffiliated groups. **This resource is intended as general guidance and cannot capture every variation or expression of faith.**

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Please note: While we cannot recommend or endorse any of the organisations listed below, they may serve as helpful resources for statutory professionals. All links and contact details were accurate at the time of publication, but we advise checking directly with the organisations for the most up-to-date information.



**Multifaith /
Interfaith groups**

Thirtyone:eight. Rooted in Christian values, a safeguarding organisation that serves people of all faiths and none.

- Helpline: 0303 003 1111
- Website: www.thirtyoneeight.org
- Email: info@thirtyoneeight.org



Christianity

Christian Safeguarding Forum: Provides contacts for the primary and national-level Safeguarding Leads from the majority of mainstream Christian denominations, movements and networks across the UK.

- Website: www.christianforumforsafeguarding.uk/

Safe Spaces - Independent Support Service: A free, independent service offering support to those affected by abuse linked to the Church of England, the Catholic Church in England and Wales, or the Church in Wales.

- Phone: 0300 303 1056
- Website: safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk
- Email: safespaces@firstlight.org.uk

Interdenominational Safeguarding Panel [Wales]:

- Helpline: 01745 817584
- Website: <https://panel.cymru/en/>

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**Christianity
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Church of England:

- **Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA):** Find your local DSA via the [Church of England Diocesan Safeguarding Teams Map](#)
- **National Safeguarding Team.**
 - Email: safeguarding@churchofengland.org

Baptist Union of Great Britain:

- Phone: 01235 517700
- Website: www.christianforumforsafeguarding.uk/
- Email (according to region): [The Baptist Union of Great Britain : Association safeguarding contacts](#)

Methodist:

- Website: [Safeguarding - The Methodist Church](#)
- Email (according to region): [Contact your Regional Officer for Safeguarding \(ROS\) - The Methodist Church](#)

Church of Scotland:

- Phone: 0131 240 2256
- Website: [Safeguarding Service | The Church of Scotland](#)
- Email: safeguarding@churchofscotland.org.uk

Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency

- Phone: 0207 901 1920
- Website: catholicsafeguarding.org.uk
- Email: admin@catholicsafeguarding.org.uk

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Christianity (continued)

Religious Life Safeguarding: [Catholic – England and Wales]:

- Phone: 0151 5562311
- Website: www.religioussafeguarding.org
- Email: safeguarding@religioussafeguarding.org

Presbyterian Church of Ireland

- Phone: 028 9032 2284
- Website: [Safeguarding - Presbyterian Church Ireland](http://Safeguarding-Presbyterian Church Ireland)
- Email: info@presbyterianireland.org



Islam

Convert Muslim Foundation:

- Phone: 07401 378632
- Website: convertmuslimfoundation.org.uk
- Email: info@convertmuslimfoundation.org.uk

Islamic Relief UK – Safeguarding Support:

- Website: Islamic Relief UK

Faith Associates (Mosque Safeguarding Guide):

- Website: Faith Associates Guide



Hinduism

United Hindu Alliance UK:

- Website: hindualliance.org.uk Not a safeguarding resource but can provide cultural context and support.

Hindu Devi Mandir Milton Keynes:

- Website: hindudevimandir.org.uk

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Sikhism

Sikh Guarding (National Advisory Body):

- Website: sikhguarding.co.uk
- Email: info@sikhguarding.co.uk

Sikh Women's Aid:

- Phone: 03330901220
- Website: www.sikhwomensaid.org.uk
- Email: info@sikhwomensaid.org.uk

Gurdwara Aid:

- Website: gurdwaraaid.org
- Email: info@gurdwaraaid.org



Buddhism

Network of Buddhist Organisations (NBO):

- Website: nbo.org.uk/safeguarding

Newcastle Buddhist Centre:

- Website: newcastlebuddhistcentre.org
- Email: newcastlebuddhistcentre@gmail.com



Judaism

Judaism includes a particularly wide range of movements and independent communities, so additional signposting is provided to reflect its greater internal diversity.

Movement for Reform Judaism (MRJ):

- Safeguarding Specialist: Emmaus Global – Report@emmausglobal.co.uk
- Website: reformjudaism.org.uk

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Jewish Leadership Council:

- Website: thejlc.org/safeguarding

United Synagogue Safeguarding:

- Phone: 020 3758 8550 - Head of Safeguarding
- Email: safeguarding@theus.org.uk

Liberal Judaism Safeguarding:

- Phone: 07920 485 869
- Website: [Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable People - Liberal Judaism](https://www.liberaljudaism.org/safeguarding-children-and-vulnerable-people)
- Email: r.fetterman@liberaljudaism.org

Who we are:

Thirtyone:eight is an independent Christian safeguarding charity working across the UK. While rooted in Christian values, we serve organisations of all faiths and none, equipping them to protect vulnerable children and adults through training, consultancy, and resources. Our vision is for a world where every child and adult can feel—and be—safe.

Each year, we provide **safeguarding training** to over **11,000** people from the faith and community sector, support more than **12,000 organisations**, and respond to around **9,000 safeguarding helpline calls**. Our name comes from a verse in the bible, Proverbs 31:8: “Speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of those who are vulnerable.” This is our mandate and the foundation of our work.

This resource has been developed to support statutory professionals in engaging confidently and respectfully with faith communities in safeguarding contexts.