

Support and Contacts for Good Practice

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Background:

Many denominations have their own guidelines, policies and helpful leaflets/packs. This is not because those responsible do not work closely together but because our various structures, understanding of accountability and disciplinary procedures differ.

Methodist Church – **Safeguarding** A4 booklet www.methodistchurch.org.uk

Congregational Federation – **Keeping Safe** A5 booklet

Baptist Union – **Safe to Grow** A4 booklet

Roman Catholic Church – Review on Child Protection led to COPCA

Church of England – refer to Diocesan variations – launch of new policy Feb 04

The United Reformed Church – **Good Practice** www.urch.org.uk

A number of churches are linked together under the **Churches' Agency for Safeguarding** as an Umbrella Body for the use of the Criminal Records Bureau. www.churchsafe.org.uk

Key Legislation:

Education Reform Act 1988

Children Act 1989

Police Act Part V 1997

Protection of Children Act 1999

Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000

Sources of further Information:

Safe from Harm – A Code of Practice for Safeguarding the Welfare of Children in Voluntary Organisations in England and Wales. Home Office 1993

Superhighway Safety – Children's safe use of the internet – DfEE
PO Box 5050 Sherwood Park, Nottingham NG15 0DI (0845 602260)
www.safety.ngfl.gov.uk [also ChildLine]

The Protection of Children Act 1999 – A practical Guide to the Act for all organisations working with children – Department of Health, PO Box 777, London SE1 6XH
www.doh.gov.uk/scg/childprotect

Safer Recruitment to protect the Vulnerable – Criminal Records Bureau, PO Box 91, Liverpool L69 2UH
CRB Information Line: 0870 90 90 811 www.crb.gov.uk

Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 – Protection of Children Guidance, Home Office

Working against Racism in Children's Resources (WARCR) 460 Wandsworth Road, London SW8 3LX (020 7627 4594)

MIDAS – Minibus Drivers Awareness Scheme

www.communitytransport.com/midas/midas.htm

Data Protection Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Information line 01625 545745 www.dataprotection.gov.uk

Criminal Records Bureau www.crb.gov.uk

Scottish CRC www.disclosurescotland.co.uk

DfES circulars can be found via www.des.gov.uk/publications There is a comprehensive search facility.

Practical help:

The Children's Legal Centre,

University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, Essex, CO4 3SQ (01 206 872466) e mail clc@essex.ac.uk
www.childrenslegalcentre.com

Kidscape 152 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 9TR (020 7730 3300)

ChildLine (0800 1111) Freepost 1111, London N1 0BR

Churches Child Protection Advisory Service, PO box 133, Swanley, Kent BR8 7UQ 01322 667207
www.ccpas.co.uk

Christian Survivors of Sexual Abuse (CSSA) BM-CSSA, London WC1N 3XX

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, 42 Curtain Road, London EC2A 3NH
(020 7825 2500) www.nspcc.org.uk

National Association of Child Contact Centres, Minerva House, Spaniel Row, Nottingham NG1 6EP (0115 948 4557) www.naccc.org.uk

Resource books:

Worth Doing Well – Methodist Church
NYA Handbook of Policies and Procedures in Scotland
 Leaflet: '*Towards a Charter for Children*' from The United Reformed Church

Booklets:

Caring for Young People and the Vulnerable? – Home Office - Sentencing & Offences unit
 (020 7273 2985)
Why speak out against smacking – Barnardos, Tanners Lane, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex IG6 1QG
 (020 8550 8822) www.barnardos.org.uk
Guidance to churches – protecting children and appointing children's workers -Churches Child
 Protection Advisory Service /Congregational and General Ins. PLC
Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 – Protection of Children Guidance, Home Office

Useful organisations:

Family Policy Studies Centre
 231 Baker Street, London, NW1 6XE (020 7486 8179)
Children are Unbeatable! Alliance
 77 Holloway Road, London N7 8JZ (020 7700 0627)
Churches' Network for Non-Violence
 6 Sylvia Avenue, Hatch End, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 4QE (020 8428 3275)
info@churchesfornon-violence.org www.churchesfornon-violence.org
National Council for Voluntary Youth Services
 2 Plough Yard, Shoreditch High Street, London EC2A 3LP
 (0207 422 8630) e mail mail@ncvys.org.uk www.ncvys.org.uk
National Council for Voluntary Child Care Organisations
 Unit 4, Pride Court, 80-82 White Lion Street, London N1 9PF
 (0207 833 3319) e mail office@voluntarychild.org www.ncvcco.org
National Youth Agency
 17-23 Albion Street, Leicester, LE1 6GD (0116 285 6789)

Employment guides:

AMAZE – employment manual
 Association of Christian Youth and Children's Workers
 PO Box 5898, Hinkley, LE10 2YX
 (0121 503 0824) email amaze@clara.co.uk www.amaze.org.uk
Children's Work Handbook – YMCA
 YMCA, 640 Forest Road, London E17 3DZ (020 8509 4567)
National Council for Voluntary Organisations – Good Employment Guide
 Regent's Wharf, 8 All Saints Street, London N1 9ERL (020 7713 6161)

Training materials:

Sections of *Kaleidoscope* – Ecumenically written and produced Training Material for children's workers and
Spectrum – for Youth Workers
 Society of Friends – **Firm Foundations** - Health, Safety and the Law
Taking Care – National Children's Bureau
 8 Wakley Street, London EC1V 7QE (020 7843 6000)

First Aid Courses:

St John Ambulance – www.sja.org.uk –search for local courses and book online
 St Andrews Ambulance Association – www.firstaid.uk 48 Milton Street, Glasgow G4 0HR
 British Red Cross – www.redcross.org.uk – free first aid guides, branches throughout the UK.
 9 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EJ (020 7235 5454)

New materials and policy developments are always highlighted in
URCHIN – United Reformed Children's Information Network (£5.00 for 3 issues - March/July/ November) United
 Reformed Church House, Youth and Children's Work Office, 86 Tavistock Place,
 London WC1H 9 RT (020 7916 8683) Email: children@urc.org.uk www.urc.org.uk