



CHILD PROTECTION

WHAT IS CHILD PROTECTION?

You will need to ensure children at your event are protected. In order to do this well you should have a child protection policy in place. Many churches will already have a child protection policy. You should adhere to this. For advice on writing a child protection policy, visit www.ccpas.co.uk who specialise in church's child protection or www.nspcc.org.uk

The basic rules that are generally followed are

- No adult should be left alone with a child or group of children
- Lost children should be dealt with efficiently
- Disclosure of abuse should be dealt with efficiently.

For events, it is essential that anyone working directly with children or vulnerable adults, especially if working unsupervised is checked using a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Check. This includes children's workers, face-painters, hair braiders, sports leaders, stewards at children's events, and any anyone else who might be in charge or in a position of responsibility (from taking to toilet, to stewarding event, to painting face) with a child at any point.

HOW DO I GET THEM CHECKED?

Currently you will need to submit a form to the Disclosure and Barring Service (previously Criminal Records Bureau) in order to obtain a new check, regardless of previous checks or experience. However, this system is in the process of being changed so for up-to-date advice visit www.gov.uk/crb-criminal-records-bureau-check

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