

Through Faith Missions - Safeguarding Statement

Through Faith Missions (TFM) is delighted to work in partnership with churches and communities to share the gospel. Within this partnership everyone shares responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults at risk of harm irrespective of individual roles.

It is vital that all those who work with children, young people and adults at risk of harm – including local authorities, the police, the health service, the courts, professionals, the voluntary sector and individual members of local communities – are aware of, and appreciate, the role that each plays in this area.

TFM staff and volunteers must similarly play their part in this process.

Everyone involved in TFM must agree to the 'Spiritual Rule of life and Holiness' which has been used as a 'common standard' since the first Walk mission in 1991. This is intended to ensure that everyone on a team has a common spiritual approach to the task, rooted in the example of Jesus regardless of our own home church affiliation or background.

It is hoped that this standard will, apart from any legal requirements for safeguarding, guide us by God's grace to be above reproach in all circumstances.

Our commitment

The leadership of TFM recognise the need to provide a safe and caring environment for children, young people and adults at risk of harm

TFMs acknowledge that everyone has the right to a safe and secure environment and respect for their dignity, privacy, independence and individuality.

This safeguarding policy has been developed to protect all those with whom TFM has contact and to ensure any concerns about physical, sexual or emotional abuse or neglect will be dealt with quickly and effectively.

Anyone connected with TFM who feels that they are being abused in any manner should immediately contact the charity, its officers or agent. The charity will, where appropriate, work with other agencies, to resolve matters. The designated person will undertake an initial investigation to establish the facts.

TFM undertakes to:

- endorse and follow all national and local safeguarding legislation and procedures
- support the Safeguarding Officer in their work and in any action they may need to take in order to protect children and adults at risk of harm.

TFM notes that everyone has a three-fold responsibility;

- Not to be the cause of harm
- To be observant for harm caused by others
- To report as soon as possible any concerns to the appropriate authority.

TFM Board is designated as having responsibility for any safeguarding issues and can be contacted via the office on 01954 210239.

This statement forms the opening sections of the TFM Safeguarding Policy