

Policy Statement on Safeguarding (v1.0)

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS POLICY STATEMENT

Note on Children and Young People

Throughout this document we use the term Children and Young People. This covers all children and young people up to the age of 18, in line with the Scottish Government's definition of 'child' in relation to child protection procedures.

National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland Updated 2021-2023

Note on Adults at Risk

*Throughout this document we use the term Adult at Risk. An 'adult at risk' is someone aged 16 or over who can't look after their own well-being, property, rights or other interests **and** is at risk of harm from themselves or someone else **and** is disabled, or has a mental disorder, illness or physical or mental infirmity that means they are more vulnerable to being harmed than other adults.*

Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) ACT 2007

The following statement was agreed by the leadership on 29 June 2025:

- Silver City Church is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults at risk and ensuring their well-being.
- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, financial and discriminatory abuse and neglect of children, young people and adults at risk and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We recognise the personal dignity and rights of children, young people and adults at risk and will ensure all our policies and procedures will reflect this.
- We believe children, young people and adults at risk should enjoy and have appropriate access to every aspect of the life of Silver City Church.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with children, young people and adults at risk.
- We believe every child, young person and adult at risk should be valued and safe. We want to make sure that the children, young people and adults at risk we have contact with know this and are empowered to tell us if they are experiencing significant harm.

We are committed to:

- Following statutory denominational and specialist guidelines in relation to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk and will ensure that as a place of worship all workers will work within the agreed procedure of our safeguarding policy.
- Implementing the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 and 2005, Equality Act 2010, Adults Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 and it's associated Code of Practice and all other relevant legislation.
- Supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work.
- Ensuring that we are keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.
- Ensuring that everyone agrees to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by Silver City Church.
- Supporting all in Silver City Church affected by abuse.

We recognise:

- Children's Social Services has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child or young person. Adult Social Care has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about an adult at risk.
- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed then the police should be contacted as a matter of urgency.
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

We will review this statement and our policy annually, or sooner if needed.

If you have any concerns for a child, young person or adult at risk, then speak to one of the following who have been approved as safeguarding co-ordinators for Silver City Church.

GRACE DRAIN
MERCY ETIM

Safeguarding Co-Ordinator
Deputy Safeguarding Co-Ordinator

A copy of Silver City Church's Safeguarding Policy can be seen at the Church Office and on the church's website.

Signed by:



David Drain
Lead Pastor, Silver City Church

Date: 29 June 2025