

# Safeguarding and Risk assessment

## Safeguarding

The safeguarding of young people during their preparation for Confirmation should be a priority for Catechists and youth leaders. There are simple steps to follow that help to ensure the safety of young people and leaders such as:

- Consent forms with emergency contact and medical information are held securely for all young people.
- All volunteers have an up to date DBS (formally CRB) form.
- No adults are to be in a 1-1 situation out of sight with young people.
- All young people are signed in and out of all sessions.
- Risk assessments are undertaken and reviewed by leaders.

You can find clear instructions in the Safeguarding Resource Pack which is available online. Click on the '*Safeguarding*' section of [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com). The *Children's Toolkit* can be found in *Section 4*. This section gives examples of risk assessments, ratios of Adults-Children and guidance on social networking.

If you require any additional support, get in touch with Clifton Diocese Youth Ministry or the Diocesan Safeguarding team.

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## Risk assessment

Carrying out a risk assessment on your 'usual' confirmation sessions is a great way to discover more about the venue, the programme and associated activities (e.g. refreshments & access to the kitchen). It need not be daunting and when you have completed one, you will find it a simpler process.

Guidance on risk assessments and how to complete them can be found in the Diocesan Health and Safety manual which can be downloaded from:

<https://cliftondiocese.com/departments/property-services/health-and-safety/>

Additional support is available from the Diocesan Youth Ministry team.