

Diocesan Requirements for a Safer Church as applied to Bellringers

1. All tower Captains, Leaders, Trainers and anyone involved in teaching or instructing will require to be DBS checked via the Parish or Benefice Safeguarding Officer. This includes everyone that may teach or instruct even infrequently.
2. At least two people present at every practice or ringing session will have a current DBS Certificate.
3. Any under 18 year olds should be accompanied by a parent or guardian, or a nominated adult who is DBS checked and suitably trained.
4. All Bellringers are required to complete the Basic Safeguarding Awareness Course. Ideally they should also complete the Foundation Safeguarding Course.
5. All Tower Captains and others in a position of leadership or training are required to complete the Leadership Training Pathway.
6. Any 'unattached ringers' are asked to administratively attach themselves to a Parish for the purposes of their DBS and training.
7. A register of visitors will be maintained in all towers and they will not be left alone without supervision at any time.
8. A register will be kept in all towers to record all those present in the ringing chamber for whatever reason. As a minimum the register should record the date and names of those present.
9. Any visiting band are required to register in the tower record book and to confirm that they comply with the Diocesan Safety Requirements. In particular that there are two DBS checked people present at all times. The DBS checked people should record their status in the Visitors book and under which Diocese the DBS check was carried out.
10. Any ringer with a history of sexual offences against children or vulnerable adults is required to be referred to the Diocese Safeguarding Team for risk assessment and a possible Safety Plan.