



# PIER TRAINING SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

## Domestic Abuse and Safeguarding

Domestic abuse is any type of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between people who are, or who have been in a relationship, regardless of gender or sexuality. Exposure to domestic abuse has a direct impact on children and can affect their physical health and mental wellbeing. (NSPCC)

In this video, experts from the NSPCC explain why domestic abuse is a safeguarding and child protection issue.

Click the image below to watch the video.

## Expert insights

Why is domestic abuse a safeguarding and child protection issue?

## In the News

Home Secretary Yvette Cooper has said she will consider how laws on domestic violence apply to victims under 16, in response to the case of Holly Newton, who was killed by her ex-boyfriend.

To read the full article, click [here](#).



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## Training Opportunities



Swim England has created a free interactive course to give young volunteers under the age of 18 a basic understanding of safeguarding, welfare and best practice.

The e-learning covers:

- Why safeguarding is important, key documents and ways to keep yourself safe
- How to recognise and report behaviour that is not acceptable
- Where you can find additional support

Charlotte Colson-Hammond, Swim England's national safeguarding officer, said: "Whilst safeguarding and welfare might not be a crucial part of a young volunteer's role, it's important they have a knowledge of it."

Click [here](#) to access this free course.



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## Safeguarding in Faith Communities



Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership is working in close collaboration with the Birmingham Council of Faiths to enhance the capacity, coordination and impact of faith-based organisations in safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of children across our communities.

Click [here](#) to download and share this poster.

## Keeping Children Safe at Christmas



When kids are not the focus, and you are having an alcoholic drink, think, who's in charge?

You would never endanger your child's life on purpose, but you could be putting their safety at risk if you drink while looking after them.

Watch this thought-provoking video [here](#)... stop and think!



### FREE TRAINING IN CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING ARRANGEMENTS

Being delivered as part of the Safeguarding in Faith Communities Project.

- Bespoke training for places of worship
- No prior knowledge required
- Duration: 3.5 hours
- In-person session
- Knowledgeable trainers
- Can take place at your place of worship or we can arrange a venue
- Certificate of attendance is provided upon completion



By the end of the session delegates will be able to:

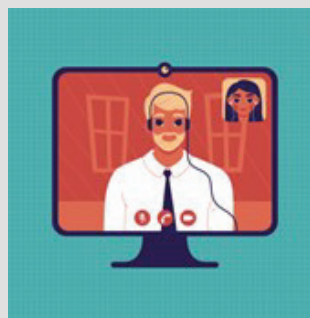
- ✓ Explain why safeguarding is important in faith settings
- ✓ Identify the four main categories of abuse
- ✓ Identify the signs of abuse
- ✓ Outline how they can safeguard children in their setting

If you would like further details, please contact Junaid Akhtar (BSCP Faith Project Coordinator) at [BSCP.ContactUs@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk](mailto:BSCP.ContactUs@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk)

Scan below to register your interest!



## What is Catfishing?



Catfishing is a form of online abuse where perpetrators skilfully target and coerce victims into relationships by creating fake profiles and pretending to be someone else.

Read this article by CEOP [here](#) and learn to spot the warning signs.