

# **Creating Safer Space: Foundation Module**

## **Safeguarding training session**

(for both new office holders and those requiring 'refresher' training after 4 years). A list of those required to complete the training is over the page.

You can choose from either an online or in person training session- both cover the same material.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2026 at 7pm, Online**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2027 at 7pm at Copmanthorpe  
Methodist Church**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2027 at 7pm at Huntington Methodist  
Church**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2027 10am at Haxby & Wigginton  
Methodist Church**

**You must book in advance by contacting the Circuit Office with your  
name, email and postal address.**

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**This module should be completed by any relevant office holder every 4 years (see list over the page for relevant office holders).**

**If you are also required to complete the Advanced training module, you are required to complete the Foundation module once and to then re-do the Advanced module every 4 years, rather than repeating both.**

### **Core List – Required Attendance**

- Presbyters and Deacons with an active preaching or pastoral ministry
- Lay employees and volunteer workers with pastoral responsibility
- Pastoral visitors
- Anyone working with children in the name of the church
- Anyone working in activities targeted at adults who are vulnerable (e.g. luncheon club for the housebound)
- Circuit stewards
- Church stewards
- Local preachers Local Preachers should enrol and complete the Foundation Module at the earliest opportunity after receiving a Note to Preach. Both Foundation and Advanced modules must be completed by the end of the second year of training and before their second interview on trial, whichever occurs first.
- Worship leaders Worship Leaders should enrol and complete the Foundation Module at the earliest opportunity after commencing training. Both Foundation and Advanced modules must be complete by the end of the second year of training and before their appointment by the Church Council, whichever occurs first.
- Those training for local preaching or worship leading
- Church and circuit safeguarding representatives
- Choir/music group/drama leaders – where there are children or vulnerable adults in the group.
- District staff especially policy committee members, complaints and discipline, mediators
- Monitoring and Support group members (for Safeguarding Contracts)
- Young Leaders (ages 16-18)

### **Warmly invited but not mandatory**

- Evangelism/mission enablers
- Leaders of other organisations, working with children or vulnerable adults, who use church premises
- Remaining Choir/music group/drama leaders
- Any other group leaders within the church, who may have adults who are vulnerable within their group.
- Property stewards and other key holders
- Caretakers
- Church/circuit meeting secretaries
- Church/circuit/district administrators
- Remaining District and connexional staff