

Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf



Online Safeguarding Training resources

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What training is available?

The Church of England has made available online safeguarding training, for use by individuals at parish level:

- The **Basic Awareness** course is for everyone within Church communities who needs to have a basic awareness of safeguarding issues.
- **Foundations** is for those who hold positions of responsibility for the safeguarding of others within church settings.

This training can be accessed by anyone free of charge.

You can work through each of these two levels in your own time (each one takes about 90 minutes) and you will receive a certificate on successful completion.

These courses, which are engaging, informative and up-to-date, are being used by many of our parishes, both in the Gulf and in Cyprus.

A further three courses are also available:

- **Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse** is a specialist course exploring the nature and dynamics of domestic abuse, with a focus on church settings.
- **Safer Recruitment and People Management** is for all those involved in the recruitment, selection and management of staff or volunteers
- **Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking**. This course aims to provide a general understanding of modern slavery and human trafficking, and how you can recognise & respond to concerns relating to it

How do I access these courses?

The courses are here: [Safeguarding: Training Portal \(cofeportal.org\)](https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org)

In order to access the online training, you will need to create your own individual account at the following address:

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/login/signup.php>

When you set up your account, please put the email address of your Parish Safeguarding Officer (and also helen.perry@cypgulf.org if you are clergy) in the 'Local reporting' box. Your certificates will then be sent directly to them, as well as to you.

Before you begin, it is recommended that you add the email address noreply@mail.safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org to your e-mail contacts (or safe-senders

list): some e-mail providers can block automatic e-mails unless told not to, and this address is used to send the automatic e-mails from the site, including the account-confirmation and pass-confirmation messages.

Once you have completed the registration, you will be sent a confirmation e-mail.

Follow the link in this and your account will be activated. You will then be able to log in using the details you created.

Please contact the training provider as soon as you can if the email doesn't arrive within an hour - accounts that remain unconfirmed for seven days are automatically cleared from the system.

If you already have an account, you will need to log in
at: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/login/index.php>

The training will then be accessible by clicking the *Online Courses* button on the home page, or under the *Courses* menu.

A record of your completed courses and certificates will be stored in your account.

You will also be able to access a wide range of specific resources via your account.