



Would you like to know why some adults are the way they are, what has happened to them in their childhood to make them a bit different as adults?

One of our training workshops will talk about brain development and how this can impact on adult lives as well.

**Still have worries?**

Talk to your local vicar, priest or Wardens and be assured that it is important to us that you are not impacted by any of the workshops we are undertaking,

You can call and talk to me if you wish. My contact details are on the back page of this leaflet. I would be more than happy to answer your questions.

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**What is it and why are we being asked to undertake training?**

**There is a simple answer...  
your safety and the safety of others  
in our community.**

I see safeguarding as a way of ensuring that no-one needs to feel unsafe when they attend church or attend one of our affiliated organisations such as our shops.

We do not know the lives of other people or what they have suffered in their past, but we can ensure that our behaviour does not trigger bad feelings for them when they come to our church.

You notice a female parishioner visibly upset after being hugged by a welcomer at church.

What could we do or should we do? For example...

You know that someone who has recently started to attend church has a criminal history of violence.

What could we do or should we do?

The workshops being offered are to allow everyone who attends to think about what we say and do and how that might impact on someone else.

They will also give us information to use when we are unsure what to do.



Mary used to be regular at church and full of life, but suddenly she is irregular and withdrawn.

What could we do or should we do?

Our workshops will look at instances like this and help us think about ways to help.

The workshops are interesting and there is helpful material to assist you in thinking about actions to take.

Why are so many people being asked to attend these workshops?

No matter your role within the church - whether you are a reader, welcomer, vestry member, employee or volunteer, tea maker, music leader, licenced laity

or clergy, you are seen as leaders of the church and therefore need to be seen to lead the behaviour of the church.

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa/ New Zealand is not without its failings in this area. The Royal Commission into State and Faith Based Care has shown there is a need to ensure that our history is not repeated.

That is why the Church has made safeguarding processes and information sharing such a priority.

I can assure you that the workshops you will attend may be thought provoking, but they will be useful in terms of ensuring the safety of everyone who is involved in the church, be they church leaders or casual visitors... and there is no pass or fail.

