

Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers

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An Introduction to the Job Description and Safeguarding Update

Dear Ringers,

We are all aware of the need to maintain good relations with our individual churches and also of the importance of encouraging new ringers both young and old. In order to continue to do what we so enjoy there are a number of Diocesan procedures that need to be followed. Whatever our individual opinions these are not negotiable at our level of operation - although helpful suggestions are always welcome.

Ensuring that the Diocesan Safeguarding procedures¹ are followed is a matter between individual bands and their church authorities. In order to help we have put together a suggested Ringling Master/Tower Captain's Job Description² to adapt and use(or not) as you see fit. And, just as a reminder, the CCCBR/National Safeguarding Team guidelines³ and your Ringing Risk Assessment need to be printed off, displayed in your ringing room and brought to the attention of all ringers. Pages 37 & 38 of the Ecclesiastical Insurance H&S Guidance⁴ also has useful information.

Some ringers have queried whether guidelines are advisory or compulsory and the instructions are quite clear, guidelines must be followed unless there is cogent reason not.

Ringers have long done excellent work in attracting and teaching new ringers of all ages and backgrounds. Long may it continue.

With all best wishes,

Mary

1. <http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/resource-collection/safeguarding/>

2. <http://tdgr.org.uk/documents/jobdesc%20tc.pdf>

3. <http://www.cccbr.org.uk/towerstewardship/notes/statement-of-cofe-requirements-for-safeguarding.pdf>

4. <http://www.ecclesiastical.com/churchmatters/images/pdf-church-guidance-notes-health-and-safety.pdf>