



Dorset County Association of Church Bell Ringers

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Church of England Safeguarding Requirements (Version 2.0, October 2025)

The following is a summary of the Church of England's Safeguarding Requirements for bell ringers. Safeguarding training is integral to compliance with most parish insurance policies and the addition of DBS certificates for leadership roles in ringing.

Safeguarding is 'everyone's business' and Tower Captains should ensure everyone is aware of people who hold key roles within the ringing team. It is advisable to have details of your Parish/Benefice Safeguarding Officer on your tower noticeboard. (All churches should have Safeguarding contact details on the church noticeboard and their church web site).

Bell Ringing Tower Captains / Deputy Captains

- All Tower Captains are required to complete the Basic and Foundation Church of England online training modules on appointment (or immediately if already in post). This can be done free of charge online via the C of E Safeguarding Portal at <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>. The Foundation course is renewable every 3 years.
- It is also vital that a current up-to-date DBS certificate is held (renewable every 3 years unless registered on the Update Service). The DBS aspect is a legal requirement of those that work with these groups (whether on a paid or voluntary basis). A DBS certificate can be obtained free of charge via most Parish/Benefice Safeguarding Officers or alternatively via the DCA Safeguarding Officer (just contact Jane via ringingteacherdorset@gmail.com).

Bell Ringing Instructor

- All Instructors are required to complete the Basic and Foundation Church of England online training modules on appointment (or immediately if already in post). This can be done free of charge online via the C of E Safeguarding Portal at <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>. The Foundation course is renewable every 3 years.
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Other Bell Ringers

- All Bell Ringers over 18 years of age¹ are required to complete the 'Basic' Church of England online training. This can be done free of charge online via the C of E Safeguarding Portal at <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>. This course is renewable every 3 years and certificates upon completion should be handed to your Tower Captain, Parish Safeguarding Officer or Incumbent.

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¹ 'Basic' Church of England online training is also recommended for ringers aged 16 or 17.