**Domestic Abuse**

The Domestic Abuse Policy and Procedures may be found at:

 <https://media.methodist.org.uk/media/documents/domestic_abuse_policy_and_procedures_2021_final_H8RzEqt.pdf>

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**Policy statement**

The Methodist Church holds that domestic abuse in all its forms is unacceptable and incompatible with the Christian faith and a Christian way of living. It is committed to being a safer space for all. This means ensuring that members of the Methodist Church have an awareness and understanding of domestic abuse, and know how to respond appropriately and effectively. When victims disclose abuse, they can expect to be listened to, taken seriously, supported and referred to local professional services, as appropriate. Local churches should receive advice and support from their Church/Circuit Safeguarding Officer and the District Safeguarding Officer. This Domestic Abuse Policy and Procedures document includes recent legislative changes, contained in the Domestic Abuse Act, England (2021)4 and legislation in other jurisdictions. It also highlights useful resources available to local churches, victims and survivors:

**A range of resources may be found at:**

https://www.methodist.org.uk/safeguarding/domestic-abuse/