

# *Ecumenical Partnership of West Swindon and the Lydiards*

## **SAFE TO GROW**

### Policy Statement and Procedures Manual (Revised Edition 2007)

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#### **Overview.**

This document is based on the Home Office publication, '*Safe from Harm*' (1993), the Baptist Union publication, '*Safe to Grow*' (1994), the Diocese of Bristol publication '*Safe and Sound*', the Methodist Church Division of Education and Youth publication '*Safeguarding Children and Young People*' (1995), and Swindon Youth for Christ's '*Guidelines for Work with and the Pastoral Care of Young People*' (1996). The policy and procedures contained in this document are intended for adoption throughout the Ecumenical Partnership of West Swindon and The Lydiards, with the precise intention of minimising the risk of abuse to children and young people; and of ensuring identification and appropriate action if abuse occurs, or is thought to occur.