

Following our 2025 Annual General Meeting, we would like to take the opportunity to invite SWBBA member bands to look at their own Safeguarding Policies and Procedures.

Although the SWBBA is not a regulatory body, we would request that all bands look at their own Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, as well as SWBBA's, to ensure that everyone in their band is fully aware of who the Safeguarding Officer is and knows who to speak to if the need arises. Band Committees also need to ensure that they understand their responsibilities as an organisation and/or Charity. This is essential, in order to make sure that everyone is as safe as possible when participating in band events be they rehearsals or any performances.

Concerns should always be dealt with in a confidential manner and be recorded accurately, in line with your policies.

To be clear, if a concern around the safety of a child is raised within a band, (a child, up to the age of 18) the Safeguarding Officer can always call for guidance and advice without making a referral. **Please make note of the numbers given below:**

DORSET Safeguarding Adults Board in Dorset,
Telephone 01202 [261015](tel:01202261015),
Email bcpsafeguardingadultsboard@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

DEVON- Devon Local Authority boundaries, Adult Social Care
[Telephone 0345 1551 007](tel:03451551007) (Monday to Thursday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm,
Friday 9.00 am to 4.30 pm).

MARU - (Cornwall Council Multi Agency Referral)
Telephone [0300 123 1116](tel:03001231116) or [01208 251300](tel:01208251300) in the evenings or weekends.

CORNWALL ADULT SOCIAL CARE DEPARTMENT

SOMERSET Somerset Council's Adult Social Care Team, If you are worried about a child, a young person under the age of 18, or a vulnerable adult
Telephone [0300 123 2224](tel:03001232224)

NSPCC - Telephone [0800 800 5000](tel:08008005000)

BBE - [Elizabeth Smith: Safeguarding Lead](mailto:elizabeth@bbe.org.uk)
Telephone 01226 771015
EMAIL elizabeth@bbe.org.uk -

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES IF NEEDED

CHILDLINE

Telephone 0800111

www.childline.org

THE SAMARITANS

Telephone 116 123

www.samaritians.org

NATIONAL DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINE

Telephone 0808 2000 247

www.nationaldehelpline.org.uk

(Please reacquaint yourself with the BBE Safeguarding Resources) <https://www.bbe.org.uk/what-we-do/safeguarding.>)

ENSURE that you have current DBS in place for MDs. DBS checks are taken in line with policies - DBS checks can be obtained from BBE.

Follow the 3 POINT PLAN

Receive info

Record

Refer

Keeping *people* safe is **imperative**. Working together and using the resources available we can collectively work towards ensuring that brass banding in South West is as safe and enjoyable as possible for everyone.

Contact:

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