

APPENDIX 9: SAFEGUARDING LEGISLATION AND GUIDANCE

England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, each have their own unique safeguarding legislation, guidance and different governing bodies.

Please “right click” on the relevant legislation/guidance below that you wish to read. This will then offer you a hyperlink to the relevant website.

10.1 England

Legislation

- [Children Act 1989](#)
- [Children Act 2004](#)
- [Children and Social Work Act 2017](#)
- [Care Act 2014](#)
- [United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child \(UNCRC\)](#)

Guidance:

- [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#) - issued by the government for statutory agencies and voluntary organisations (including charities, places of worship, and faith-based organisations) on safeguarding children in England.

10.2 Wales

Legislation

- [Children Act 1989](#)
- [Children Act 2004](#)
- [Education Act 2002](#)
- [Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014](#)
- [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015](#)
- [Rights of Children and Young Persons \(Wales\) Measure 2011](#)
- [The Care Standards act 2000 \(Notification\)\(Wales\) Regulations 2011](#)

Guidance

- [Working together to safeguard people \(2021\)](#)
- [All Wales Practice Guides on safeguarding children](#)
- [Safeguarding Guidance \(Wales\)](#)
- [Wales Safeguarding Procedures](#)

10.3 Scotland

Legislation

- [Children and Young People \(Scotland\) Act 2014](#)
- [Children \(Scotland\) Act 1995](#)
- [Adult Support and Protection Act 2007](#)

Guidance

- [National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2014](#) - issued by the government for statutory agencies and voluntary organisations (including charities, places of worship, and faith-based organisations) on safeguarding children in Scotland.
- [National Risk Framework for Assessment of Children and Young People](#)
- [National Framework for Child Protection Learning and Development](#)
- [National Parenting Strategy](#)
- [Getting it right for every child \(GIRFEC\)](#)
- [National action plan to prevent and tackle child sexual exploitation](#)

10.4 Northern Ireland

Legislation

- [Children \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1995](#)
- [Children's Services Co-operation \(Northern Ireland\) Act 2015](#)
- [Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007](#)
- [Criminal Law Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1967](#)
- [Safeguarding Board Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011](#)

Guidance

- [Co-operating to Safeguard Children and Young People in Northern Ireland \(2017\)](#)
- [The Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland inter-faith group](#) was set up to acknowledge the important and central role, which faith communities play in the wider safeguarding agenda for children and young people throughout Northern Ireland