



Help and Advice

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Bulletin 60: HEALTH & SAFETY

The Help & Advice Group was set up by Synod in 2009, to support local churches in being informed and effective in their life and mission. The group was disbanded in 2014, as part of a simplification of Synod committees, and its work continues through the Trust Officer, under the oversight of the Trust's Property Subgroup. We are willing to try to provide specific advice on particular topics. Please get in touch if you have questions or suggestions.

This article is part of a series giving an overview of particular subjects of interest for local churches. We also circulate general updates from time to time. Bulletins will also be posted on the website <http://urc-northernsynod.org/help-advice-bulletins>, with direct links to other websites.

Where readers are directed to web-based resources, the Synod Office is willing to respond to reasonable requests for printed out information for readers without web access, although they may find it more satisfactory to follow up their interest through their local library's web access.

Health & Safety

Online guidance is available on various safety-related matters from the two main church insurers and from the Health & Safety Executive:

www.ecclesiastical.com/churchmatters/churchguidance/churchhealthandsafety

<http://spow.co.uk/heath-safety-obligations>

www.hse.gov.uk/guidance/topics.htm

Topics include policies, risk assessments, preventing accidents, asbestos, bouncy castles, use of chemicals (for example, in cleaning), first aid, manual handling, personal safety, and working at height.

The HSE also provides a healthy dose of common sense in their 400+ myth-busting cases on health & safety:

www.hse.gov.uk/myth/myth-busting/categories.htm

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