**Safeguarding at Hoppers**

All agencies who hire Hoppers are required to have a current safeguarding policy in relation to children and adults at risk. Agencies are required to indicate this, and that they hold current public liability insurance, on the Hoppers’ booking schedule.

In those instances where events are hosted under the auspices of Hoppers’ Trustees the safeguarding we hold to the following values and principles:

- Every person is to be accorded value and treated with dignity. These are principles which come directly from the creation of people in God’s image. This implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

- We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults.

- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working with children or vulnerable adults.

- We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or adult at risk may have been harmed, cooperating fully in any investigation.

- We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.

- We will seek to offer pastoral care to anyone who has suffered abuse.

Our commitment and this statement is informed by the London Diocesan Safeguarding Policy Promoting a Safer Diocese (2018) and the National Church’s Safeguarding Policies and Parish Safeguarding Handbook.

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