



SAFEGUARDING FOR SERVERS

This policy for Safeguarding and DBS checks for servers was put together in April 2013.

DBS checks

Servers do not require DBS checks. (Clearly if a server has another role in the Cathedral where a check is required, the server will need to go through the process.)

Safeguarding Training

Thurifers and MCs are required to attend Safeguarding Training (and attend refresher training from time to time as advised by the Cathedral). Other servers are not required to attend the training.

Guidance

This guidance offers a sense of where the boundaries of good practice lie. It does not affect the duties that servers undertake, but simply helps protect adult servers as well as children.

- After clearing up at the end of each service, servers return to the Barnabas Room to divest before leaving. All children should have left the Barnabas Room before only one adult remains. This is to remove the possibility of one adult being with children for an extended period.
- It is acceptable for a Thurifer to be alone with a Boat Bearer in the north ambulatory during a nave altar celebration and in the retrochoir at a high altar celebration. The Thurifer and Boat Bearer can also be alone in the Sacristy for the purposes of lighting charcoal, getting more incense, clearing up, etc before, during and after services. The Thurifer may accompany a Boat Bearer who needs the toilet. The toilet by the Barnabas Room should be used. Being alone with the Boat Bearer for an extended period of time beyond the activities required to perform the Thurifer's duties should be avoided.
- The Thurifer directs the Boat Bearer in liturgical movement by touching his/her shoulder when necessary.

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