

Safeguarding Statement Safeguarding At Risk Adults in the Church

This statement was adopted by **Ross Baptist Church** at a Church Members meeting held on **23rd November 2015**. This statement and the Church policy will be reviewed each year for monitoring purposes.

1. We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as at risk at some time in our lives.
2. As members of Ross Baptist Church we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister.
3. We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be at risk, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
4. We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
5. The Church commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be at risk.
6. It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of at risk people, and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
7. We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be at risk.
8. The Church is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be at risk.
9. Each person who works with at risk people will agree to abide by this statement and the separate Adults at Risk policy of this church.

This church appoints **Neil Bennett** and **Liz Blake** to represent the concerns and views of at risk people at our meetings and to outside bodies.

Signed:  Position: **Minister**

Date: **16th July 2018**

Review Date: **July 2019**