

Church Safety Committee

Mission:

As a community of faith committed to following Jesus Christ, we strive to extend a generous welcome to all who enter our doors and to treat them with the love and dignity that God bestows upon each and every one of us. We want our Church to be a safe place for everyone.

We cannot simply assume that our Church is a safe place. We also know that we cannot eliminate all risks, but we can strive, individually and as a faith community, to reach that goal by taking intentional and direct actions. The Church Safety Committee wants all people to be able to deepen their relationship with God and each other in an environment that is safe and secure.

It is in this spirit that the Church Safety Committee of the First Congregational Church in Dudley creates the Church Safety Policies and Procedures. We consider this to be a living document that may be amended as needed. It is our hope that this document will provide guidelines to create a safe environment for our members, guests, ministers, staff and volunteers.

Objectives:

- To provide a safe, secure environment for the congregation, visitors, and to our facility.
- To protect people and property from any threat or hazard.
- To prepare and plan for emergency situations before a crisis strikes and respond appropriately to minimize impact on lives and property.
- To identify key personnel to carry out the Emergency Operations Plans and communicate responsibilities.
- To assist in the recovery after an emergency incident.
- To coordinate and communicate our plans with local law enforcement and emergency responders.
- To determine ways our Church can be a resource to the wider community in times of crisis or emergencies.